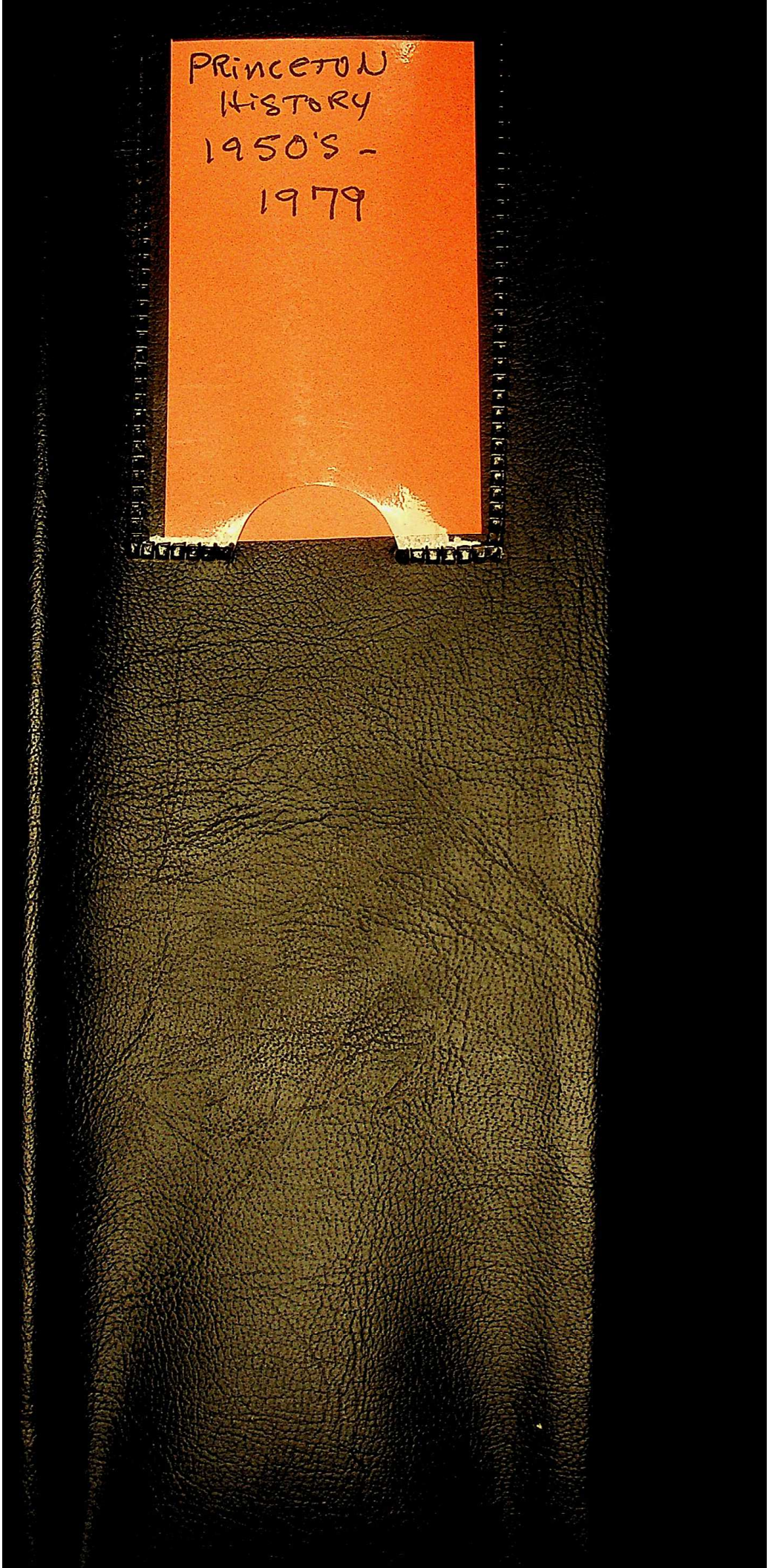
PRINCETON
HISTORY
1950'S -
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October 5, 1955

PREDICTION FOR PRINCETON JUST NEVER CAME TRUE

An early prediction for the town of Princeton, Iowa just never quite come true.

Businessmen along the river agreed that Princeton would "some day be one of the flourishing cities on the Mississippi"

For a time, the prediction seemed to be on the way of coming true.

In 1858, 62 homes were built and the following year the population jumped to 1,000. The town even boasted six physicians and there were great plans for development of waterpower along the Wapsi river. The plans never materialized, and there was a gradual decline of the population.

December 20, 1955

TOM AND MAUDE FLETCHER OF PRINCETON WED 50 YEARS

Today is the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fletcher.

The marriage of Miss Maude Porter to Tom Fletcher took place December 20, 1905, in the home of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Porter, in Princeton. The couple farmed west of town until retiring near 20 years ago,

The celebrants have a daughter, Mrs. Archie Carter, Alexandria, Va., and two sons, Irwin and Valley of Princeton, and several grandchildren.

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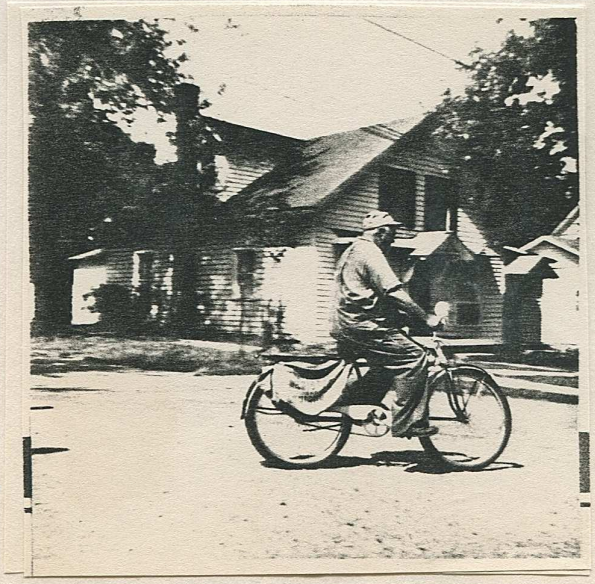
Submitted by Bessie Sierk



Daily Times - July 13, 1956

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July 23, 1956

TOM HOLST (1890-1956)

Mr. Tom Holst was born August 5, 1890, in Princeton. He attended schools in Princeton and married Anna Spring August 7, 1912, in Davenport. The couple farmed west of Princeton, retiring in 1940 at which time they moved to town. He was of Lutheran faith and a member of the Northwesr Turner Society and the Scott COunty German-American Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Holst had two sons, Arnold V. and Herbert H. Holst, both of LeClaire; a daughter Mrs. Rose Drenter, of R. R. No.3, Davenport.

Mrs. Holst died April 16, 1956.

April 2, 1956

MR. AND MRS. CLAIR TOBEY

WED 50 YEARS --Mr. and Mrs. Clair Tobey, Princeton, will note their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday, April 10. An open house will be held Suday, April 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. in their home.

The former Orie Pelham and Mr. Tobey were married in Low Moor April 10, 1906, and farmed in that vicinity until 1910 when they moved to Scott County. They retired from farmimg in 1950.

They are the parents of four children, Howard of DeWitt; Clyde of Princeton; Mrs. Ray Erling of Long Grove; Mrs. Werner Hien, Cinton. There are 10 granchildren and two great- grandchildren.

December 24, 1956

MR. AND MRS. JOHN ROOK

Mr. and Mrs. John Rook of Princeton, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Monday. In celebration of the event, open house for relatives and friends will be held Sunday in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Raymond Davis, Princeton, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

The former Miss Rose Bickmore and Mr. Rook were married December 24 in the home of the bride's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bickmore, Watertown, S. D. The Rev. John P. Clyde, paster of the Congressional Church there officiated.

The couple has resided in Princeton the last 32 years. Princeton was the boyhood home of Mr. Rook. He retired from engineering work eight years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Rook have one daughter, Mrs. Davis and one grandson, John.

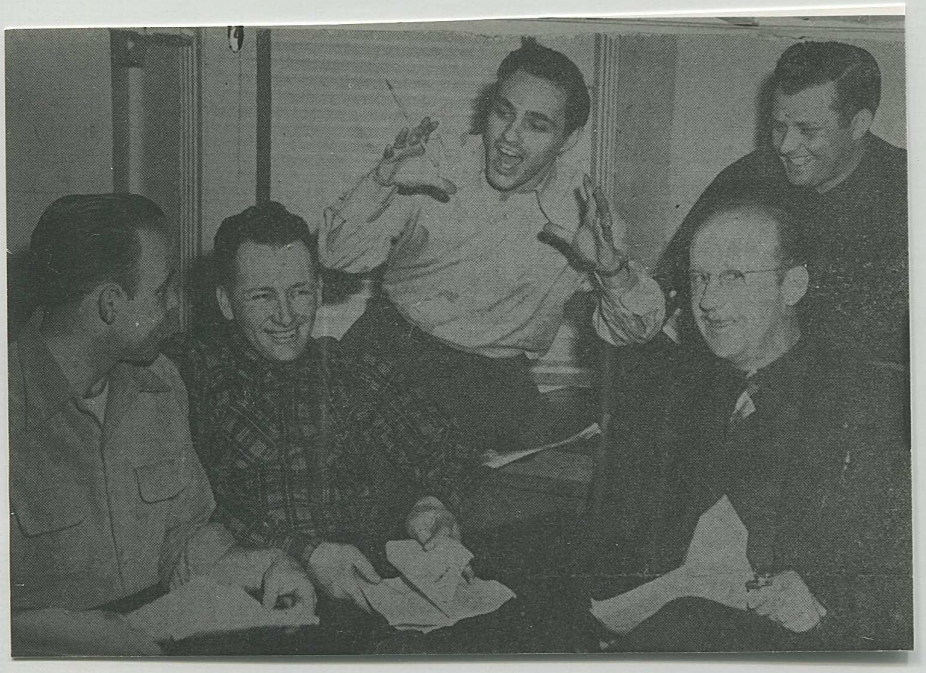
June 16, 1957

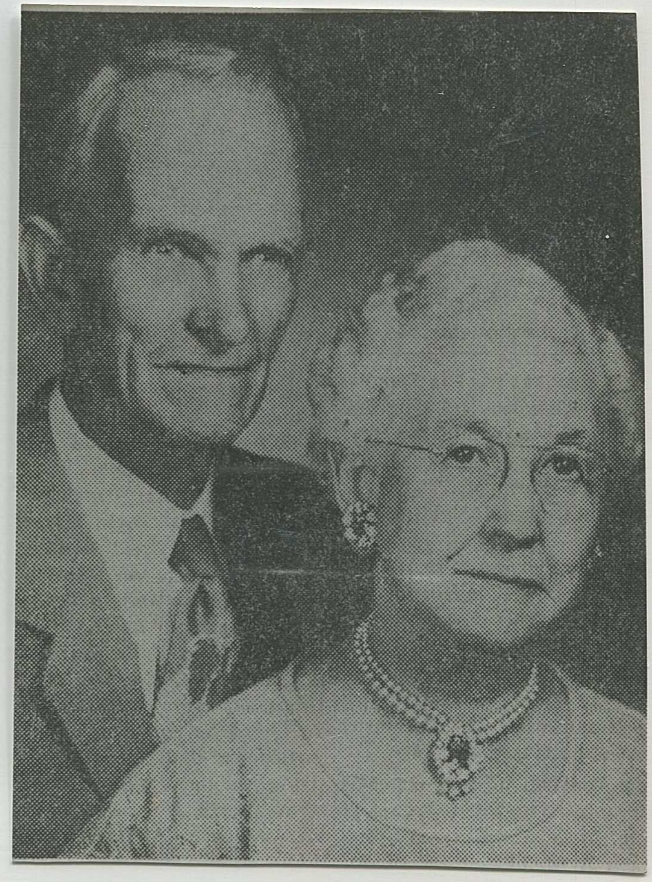
Mr. and Mrs. Christ Lund

Amanda Lund was born Oct. 3, 1869 in Sweden. She came to this country in 1895 at the age of 16. In March, 1894 she was married to Christ Lund in Cedar Rapids. They farmed near Princeton until their retirement, when they moved. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Princeton.

They had two sons, Harold Lund of LeClaire, and Hilding Lund of Princeton; two grandchildren and two great-grand-children. Also the Rev. Floyd Bacon of Milford who was reared by Mr. and Mrs. Lund.

Mrs. Lund was preceded in death by her husband, Christ Lund, and two daughters Mrs. Ester Schlotfeld and Miss Irene Lund.





Mississippi Minstrel and Variety Show

Alfred Dreschsler

Left → Right

Robert Porter, Alfred Pries, Richard Erbstein, Herb Reitscher

Milton Gast

Mr. + Mrs. CLAIR TOBEY

Mr & Mrs John Rook Dec. 1906

Coca-Cola

September 13, 1956

MRS. HARRY S. STEWART (1875-1956)

Mrs. Harry S. Stewart a well-known life resident of Scott County, the former Anna Mary Barnes, was born June 5, 1875, in Princeton township. She attended Princeton schools and married Mr. Stewart January, 1904, in Princeton.

The couple farmed west of Princeton until retiring and moving to Davenport in 1929. Mr. Stewart died June 3, 1945. Mrs. Stewart was a member of St. John's Methodist Church, the Women's Bible class of the church, and the WCTU.

The Stewarts had one son Orville M.,R. R., LeClaire; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

August 19, 1956

Mrs. Rebecca McGinnis (1872-1956)

Mrs. McGinnis had been assaciated with her husband in the McGinnis Mortuary, and since his death had operated it with her son, Finley. The firm moved to Bettendorf from Princeton in 1923.

A life resident of Scott County, she was born June 27, 1872 in Princeton, the daughter of Finley and Mary Ann Porter, early pioneer residents. She attended schools in Princeton and was married to Preston H. McGinnis in Princeton, May 1, 1891. Mr. McGinnis died March 16, 1939.

Mrs. McGinnis was a life-long Presbyterian belonging to the Presbyterian Church in Princeton and upon moving to Bettendorf she became affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church, Davenport. She was a member of the Davenport Chapter No. 178, Order of the Eastern Star; White Shrine of Jerusalem, Oriental Shrine No. 7; Women's Relief Corps, August Wentz Post, No. 34; Albert Camp No. 505, Royal Neighbors of America; Daughters of the NIle; Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and St. John's Circle of King's Daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis had two sons, Roy B., Davenport, and Finley P., Bettendorf. And three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Sawyer, Mrs. Floyd Earnst, both of Bettendorf, and Mrs. Hugo Peterson, Spruce Pine, N. C., and six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

September 26, 1956

H. C. BOWER (1882-1956)

Herbert C. Bower was born January 5, 1882, in Low Moor, he attended schools there and Iowa State College in Ames. He married Louise Lieberenz June 1, 1909, in Rock Island. He had owned and operated the Princeton Barber Shop for 30 years.

May 25, 1956

F. H. McCONNELL (1872-1956)

Fredrick Harry McConnell was born May 16, 1872, near Princeton, he atteded rural schools and married Ella Doherty February 27, 1896, in Princeton. They had farmed in the area since that time and this year (1956) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Argo and was a member of the Scott County Farm Bureau. Mr McConnell was a life resident of the area and a founder of the Princeton Savings Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. McConnell have a son, Harry McConnell, Princeton and two granddaughters.

March 14, 1956

MR. AND MRS. CHRIST SIERK

Mrs. Sierk a life resident of Scott County, the former Amanda Moeller was born April 8, 1871, in Butler Township. She was married to Mr. Christ Sierk December 9, 1881, in Davenport. He died in 1937. The couple farmed in Princeton Township until their retirement in 1936. She was a member of the Grassy Lane Club.

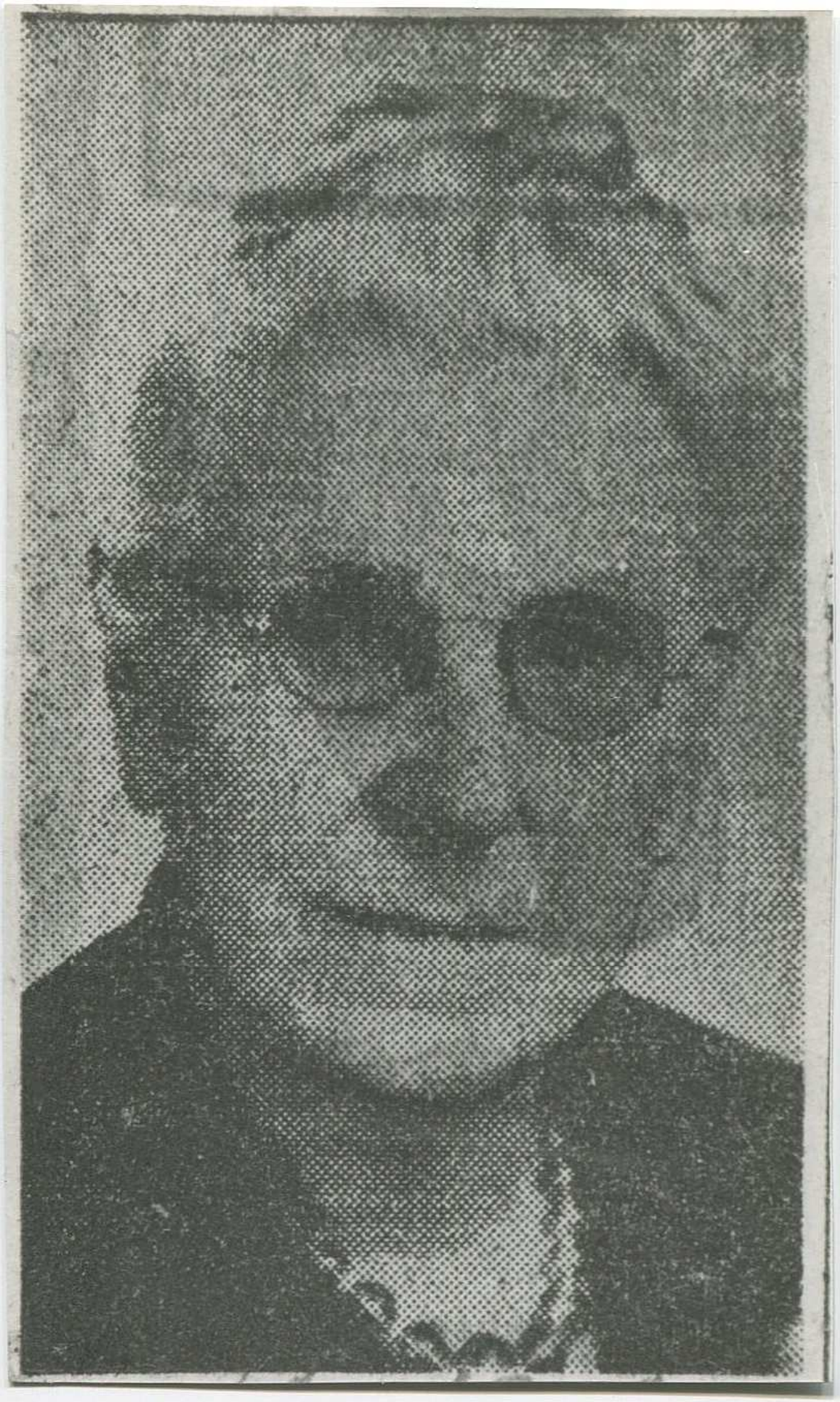
Their children are: Mrs. Charles Kerr, Princeton; four sons, Henry and Benn both of Davenport; Hugo of McCausland; and Lloyd of Princeton, six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

May 16, 1956

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH HENRY

The former Luella Krowel was born March 7, 1860, in Mendota, Ill., and came to Davenport at the age of four with her parents. She was married to Mr. Joseph Henry April 14, 1881, in Davenport. The couple farmed near Princeton for 62 years. Following Mr. Henry's death 13 years ago she moved to Davenport. Mrs. Henry was a member of the Argo United Presbyterian Church.

The couple had three daughters, Mrs. Fred Wooten, Burlington; Mrs. Paul Suiter, of LeClaire; and Mrs. Dorothy Brown of Davenport; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



MRS. JOSEPH HENRY

Sat Feb 2 1957

He may be cute now, but he was just another "sly old fox" before Mrs. Cora Jones, above, clobbered him with the rake she is holding. (Staff photo)

Sly Fox No Match For Princeton Grandmother

By GENE HIPPLER
Staff Writer

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1956 Sun Sept 23

H. E. Lund, Princeton, explains the workings of a corn picker to a group of Scott county farmers attending the National Field Days at Newton. Pictured (left to right) are Lund, Charles Leamer, Earl McGinnis and Howard Hamilton.

Mus Dec 1, 1959

Sheriff Pete Wildman, left, and County Atty. Martin D. Leir, right, were hosts at a reception for Republican precinct committeemen and committee women of Scott County Sunday afternoon at the Empire Room of Hotel Blackhawk. Left to right, Dr. Donald Hansen, committeeman for the second precinct of the eighth ward, Mrs. Agnes Delarue of the third precinct, Fourth Ward, and Mrs. Leone Ruhberg of Princeton. (Staff Photo)

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Sun Mar 17 1957

Woman Survives 75-Ft. Drop From Bridge Rail

Mrs. Donna Donahue, 27, of 641 E. 6th St., Davenport, is reported in fair condition today in St. Luke's Hospital after having dropped 75 feet early Sunday from the Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge.

Mrs. Donahue managed to tie about her arm a rope thrown her by a bridge attendant before she lost consciousness. She was rescued by Davenport police officers called to the scene with emergency boats.

According to Steve Tometich, Bettendorf police chief, Mrs. Donahue was a passenger in a car driven by Jesse E. Gast, 65, Princeton. The car had stopped at the toll house when he said Mrs. Donahue jumped out, climbed the bridge railing and then dropped out of sight.

Bridge Attendant John Snell, Moline, ran to the bridge's offices beneath the toll house, crawled out along one of the supporting piers and managed to throw a rope to the woman struggling in the water below.

Meanwhile, Davenport police were alerted to bring out the emergency boats.

Patrolmen Ted Hoeper and Roger Riesman motored to the center pier and managed to pull the semi-conscious woman into the boat.

HALF HOUR IN WATER

The woman was in the water for over a half-hour, while necessary calls were made to secure the emergency equipment from Davenport and launch the boats in Bettendorf.

Chief Tometich said the woman had been employed as a housekeeper to Gast and that they were on their way to Rock Island at the time of the incident.

Chief Tometich said the woman had been reported despondent over personal problems.

About 40 police officers, from Bettendorf, Davenport, Rock Island, East Moline and Moline, and Iowa and Illinois Highway patrolmen converged on the scene as the calls for emergency equipment filled police radios.

An attending physician today praised the efforts of officers who pulled Mrs. Donahue from the river.

"Another five minutes of exposure in the water and she probably would have died," physician said.

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riding in car with Jesse Gast.

Jesse killed himself Mon Mar 18 1957

SURVIVES PLUNGE FROM BRIDGE — Rescued from the Mississippi River early Sunday after dropping 75 feet from the Iowa-Illinois Memorial bridge, Mrs. Donna Donahue, 27, of 641 E. 6th St., Davenport, was in "fair" condition in St. Luke's Hospital today. (Story on Page 2) (Staff Photo)

Sun Mar 17 1957

Friend Of Woman In Leap Is Found Dead

Jesse E. Gast, 65, of Princeton, was found dead in the basement of his home about 1 p.m. today, apparently of gunshot wounds.

A shotgun was found lying near the body, according to sheriff's deputies. The body was discovered by a son, Eugene, of Davenport. The sheriff was notified by Arthur Pietscher of Princeton, who lives nearby.

Gast was identified by Scott County officers as the driver of the car from which Mrs. Donna Donahue, 27, of 641 E. 6th St., Davenport, leaped over the railing of the Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge, at Bettendorf early Sunday.

She is reported in "good" condition at St. Luke's Hospital, after her 75-foot drop into the river.

Scott County Coroner Kenneth Froeschle and deputies of Sheriff Pete Wildman's office began an investigation.

Whether there would be an inquest was not immediately determined.

It was indicated Gast's body would be removed to McGinnis mortuary.

Gast farmed for many years in Princeton township where he was born June 29, 1892. After retiring he moved to Princeton where he had lived since.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ray Schneckloth, Eldridge, and three sons, Milroy of DeWitt, Milton, LeClaire, and Eugene of Davenport. His wife died Feb. 25, 1956.

The body was removed to the McGinnis Funeral Home in Bettendorf.

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December 26, 1957

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Emil Kroeger was born January 28, 1881 in Princeton. He married Anna Schmidt, June 18, 1904, in LeClaire. Mrs. Kroeger died in 1942. Emil then married Stella McKinney in Viola, Iowa. She died June 12, 1957.

Mr. Kroeger had been engaged in farming near Princeton for mamy years and in recent years was in the carpenter contracting business.

He was a member of the Snow Lodge, AF & AM, LeClaire, and the Farm Bureau. Mr. Kroeger served as a Scott County supervisor for two terms and had also served as Princeton Township assessor. He served on the board of equalization of assessments til his death in 1957. He was also president of the board of directors of Princeton Farmers Savings Bank.

September 4, 1957

ERNIE SCHAEFFER

A 65-year old confided to friends last week that he had been very careful not to violate the law again.

Earlier in the week he had been charged with having no driver's license after he was stopped near Davenport by Highway Patrolman Al Chrystal, and produced a license dated 1932. He said he didn't know he had to ever renew it.

"That patrolman told me to take my car right home and park it and not drive it until I got a new license," the man told a friend.

"Did you do it?" the friend asked.

"You bet I did," the Princetonian said proudly. "I parked it and now I'm driving my other car."

August 23, 1957

MR. AND MRS. JOHN FLETCHER

Mr. John Fletcher was born in October 1878 in Princeton. He married Cornelia Bragonier, January 24, 1900, in Princeton. She died August 11, 1949. Mr. Fletcher retired from farming in 1945 and made his home with his son in 1952. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton.

Their children are: Harry A. of Lowden; Earl J. of Branson, Mo., and Melvin L. of Clinton and eight grandchildren.

OCTOBER 17, 1957 THE TIMES

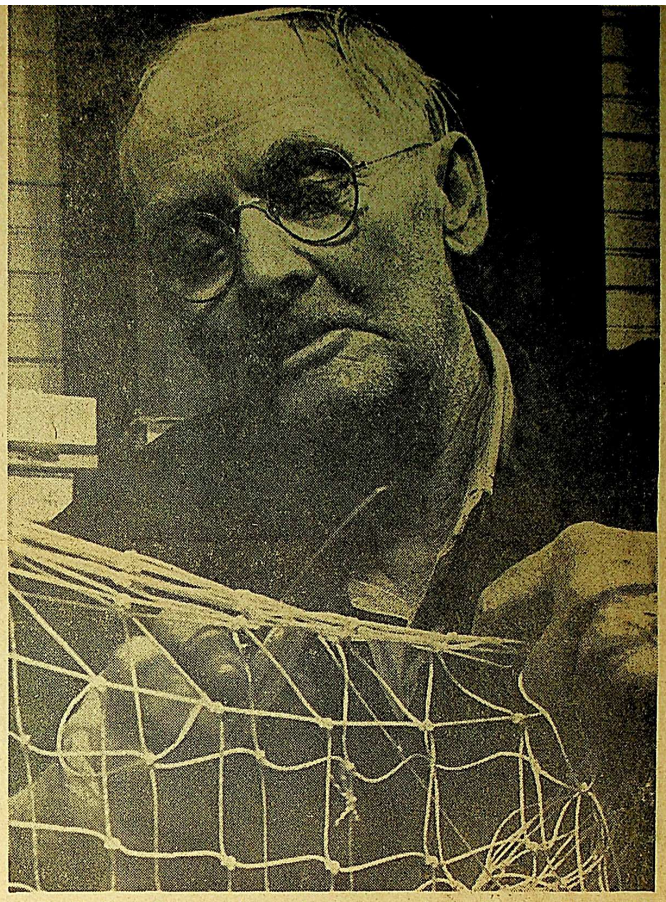
PRINCETON MINSTRELS REHEARSE "FULL HOUSE"

Shown here are the stars of the Mississippi minstrel and variety show which will be presented at 8 p. m., February 16, in the community hall, Princeton. The show, in charge of Mrs. Alfred Drechsler, has a cast of more than 100 local residents. It is sponsered by the PTA. Left to right are Robert Porter, Alfred Pries, Richard Erbstein, Herb Peitscher and Milton Gast. Minstrels not shown are Wesley Schmalz and Warren Hamilton.

(Times photo by Norman white)

PERSONALITY PROFILE

The Old Man And The River



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By STAFF WRITER

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Charlie, at 76, (he looks far younger) may be the oldest commercial fisherman on the upper river.

"It's God's Country," says Charlie's wife, Cora, as she speaks of the river. She's a violinist, and used to play at concerts and chatauquas. Now, her husband is her only audience.

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His day begins at 4 a. m., and he is usually on the river with his flat boat and nets by 5. He is in bed by 8 at night. In the winter, when the river is locked in ice, Charlie is still an early riser.

Never A Miss

"I'll tell you, it is just a habit," he chuckled.

As Charlie talked, he plied the craft that dates back to the fisherman Peter. He was making nets, weaving, tieing the soft nylon strands into works of art that would soon be dipped in steaming pitch before becoming the nemisis of the catfish, buffalo carp.

Loop around the hickory forming block; flick through the needle, loop and tie. Over and over again. Never a miss. Never a dropped knot. He'll make a catfish net 15 feet long, 3 feet in diameter in two days of spare time. Last winter he turned out 35 of these — to sell and for use himself.

His hip boots were rolled to the knee as he tied and talked.

"You're in the house now Charlie. Take off the boots," scolded his wife, Cora.

"I'm gonna go out again pretty soon. I'll leave 'em on," was Charlie's answer.

"I started fishing at New Boston when I was 15. Started in my bare feet," he stomped a boot on the floor. "I got 50 cents a day pay. That was good money. Now I'm old and 76, and am still going.

There have been brief periods when Charlie left the river. Once he was a school janitor, and another time he worked in a foundry, but always the Lorelei call of the Mississippi lured him back to the river.

Close Call

He respects the Mississippi, and has encountered so many close calls that he cannot even begin to recite them all.

"Why, just the other week I was out with a pal up the river. We had over a ton of fish piled in a 16-foot boat when the wheel (propellor) broke. Gosh almighty. We ran to the bow to keep from swamping, then tossed out those fish like wild on a big slab of ice that was still locked in the river. We got to shore OK, got another bigger boat and went back to pick up our fish."

But Cora doesn't worry much about her husband.

"He's a good swimmer. There's nothing he doesn't know about the river. He can take care of himself," she said.

Like her husband, Cora loves the river so much she calls it "God's country."

Her first husband was Charlie's fishing partner, and when he died 25 years ago she married Charlie. They have no children. Cora can bait hooks and work the nets with the same ease with which she bows her violin.

"I used to play concerts and chatauquas. Now, I just play for Charlie," she said pulling her fiddle from its case behind the settee, plinking the a string.

Taxes, Too

Charlie and Cora have fished from their boat from Hannibal, Mo., up north as far as Galena. With caulking, they think it would still float, but now it is on dry land and that sort of chaffs Charlie's even temper.

"When we were in the water, all we got charged was $3 personal tax on the boat. Now that we got a little land for the boat, we pay $40 taxes," he shook his head.

Jack Up Houseboat

To beat the high water, they jack up their houseboat.

"Our porch. That's something," Charlie chuckled. "It's detachable. We unhook it when the water comes up so we can raise the house without it."

Charlie sells the fish he catches to a neighboring fish market, and with Social Security he and his wife can afford such "luxuries" in their little houseboat as a washer and drier.

The "fancy" fish are fine, but Charlie defends the lowly carp as keeping the commercial fisherman from starving. He wrinkles up his nose at the buffalo as being too fat, and smacks his lips when he thinks of succulent smoked carp.

Many an outdoorsman will envy Charlie's life. He makes a living fishing, and does what he pleases. He says he finds no disadvantages to his job.

"Hold on," interrupted Cora. "I say the only disadvantage is that you're always out on the river when I want you."

They eat a lat of fish which Charlie catches, and bullheads or bluegills sometimes spatter in their skillet two and three meals a day.

Charlie is a trusted, respected friend of fishermen and sportsman on the river who like to hear him talk about the old days.

"Forty years ago, I caught a catfish that weighed 75 pounds on a pole and line. I've got a lot of 60 pounders," he reminisced.

And everyone in these parts believes him. Charlie a fisherman, but they know he is not one to tell fish stories.

It looks big enough to be whale, but it's only a 38-pound catfish which Charlie caught in a net near Princeton. The size didn't impress him; he once pulled in a 75-pounder with a pole and line.

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-Never A Miss-

"I'll tell you, it is just a habit," he chuckled. As Charlie talked, he plied the craft that dates back to fisherman Peter. He was making nets, weaving, tieing the soft nylon strands into works of art that would soon be dipped in steaming pitch before becoming the nemisis of the catfish, buffalo carp. Loop around the hickory forming block; flick through the needle, loop and tie. Over and over again. Never a miss. Never a dropped knot. He'll make a catfish net 15 feet long, 3 feet in diameter in two days of spare time. Last winter he turned out 35 of these - to sell and for use himself. His hip boots are rolled to the knee as he tied and talked. "You're in the house now Charlie. Take off the boots," scolded his wife, Cora. "I'm gonna go out again pretty soon. I'll leave 'em on," was Charlie's answer.

"I started fishing at New Boston when I was 15. Started in my bare feet," he stomped a boot on the floor. "Igot 50 cents a day pay. That was good money. Now I'm old and 76, and am still going.

There have been brief periods when Charlie left the river. Once he was a school janitor, and another time he worked in a foundry, but always the Lorelei call of the Mississippi lured him back to the river.

-Close Call-

He respects the Mississippi, and has encountered so many close calls that he cannot even begin to recite them all. "Why, just the other week I was out with a pal up the river. We had over a ton of fish piled in a 16-foot boat when the wheel (propellor) broke. Gosh almighty. We ran to the bow to keep from swamping, then tossed out those fish like wild on a big slab of ice that was still locked in the river. We got to shore OK, got another bigger boat and went back to pick up our fish."

But Cora doesn't worry much about her husband. "He's a good swimer. There's nothing he doesn't know about the river. He can take

take care of himself, she said. Like her husband, Cora,loves the river so much she calls it "God's Country." Her first husband was Charlie's fishing partner, and when he died 25 years ago she married Charlie. They have no children. Cora can bait hooks and work nets with the same ease with which she bows her violin. "I used to play concerts and chatauquas. Now, I play for Charlie," she said pulling her fiddle from it's case behind the settee, plinking a string.

-Taxes, Too-

Charlie and Cora have fished from their boat from Hannibal, Mo., up north as far as Galena. With chaulking, they think it would still float, but now it is on dry land and that thought chaffs Charlie's even temper. When we were in the water, all we got charged was $3. personal tax on the boat. Now we have a little land for the boat, we pay $40. taxes," he shook his head.

-Jack Up Houseboat-

To beat the high water, they jack up their houseboat. "Our porch. That's something." Charlie chuckled. It's detachable. We unhook it when the water comes up so we can raise the house without it."

Charlie sells the fish he catches to a neighboring fish market, and with Social Security he and his wife can afford such "luxuries" in their little houseboat as a washer and drier.

The "fancy" fish are fine, but Charlie defends the lowly carp as keeping the commercial fisherman from starving. He wrinkles up his nose at the buffalo as being too fat, and smacks his lips when he thinks of succulent smoked carp.

Many an outdoorsman will envy Charlie's life. He makes a living fishing, and does what he pleases. He says he finds no disadvantage to his job. "Hold on," interrupted Cora. "I say the only disadvantage is that you're always out on the river when I want you." They eat a lot of fish which Charlie catches, and bullheads or bluegills sometimes splatter in their skillet two or three meals a day.

Charlie is a trusted, respected friend of fishermen and sportsmen on the river who like to hear him talk about the old days. "Forty years ago I caught a catfish that weighed 75 pounds on a pole and line. I've got a lot of 60 pounders," he reminised.

And everyone in these parts believes him. Charlie is a fisherman, but they know he is not one to tell fish stories.

This artical appeared in the Times-Democrat, Tempo section, March 23,1958. It was written by a staff writer.

(Merlin Boll told me Cora Carr was known as a "Reader". When I asked him what that ment-he told me, "You know, in the old days, some people couldn't read, so Cora would "read" for them, when they received their mail or something".-P.Miller)

Fri Aug 14 1959

Freight Trains Ram Headon

No Injuries in 2-Train Crash

Engineer Fails To Take Siding

Princeton — Three diesel engines were damaged, about 200 feet of rails tipped, 2 locomotives and several cars derailed in the north Princeton railway yards about 5 a. m. today when 2 slow freights rammed headon. Crewmen were unhurt.

Railway authorities, investigating at the scene late this morning, said the locomotives were not extensively damaged. Only 2 fast freights were held up perhaps 1½ hours by the wreck. The through freights, bound from Kansas City to Savanna, finally passed the mainline crash scene by way of the sidetrack.

The incident occurred when Rock Island Lines extra west freight 1282 failed to stop at the north border of Princeton yards to head onto the siding, according to J. J. Van Bockern of Davenport, general manager of the Davenport, Rock Island and North Western lines on which the mishap happened.

Seeing that the westbound freight was not stopping, Burlington extra east train 206, which according to railway spokesmen already was at a standstill to allow the other train to side, prepared to back. It was not thought that the eastbound train had time to reverse its travel before the impact came, one authority stated.

A continual stream of spectators today viewed the damage resulting when 2 freight trains collided headon at Princeton, Iowa. Major freights of the Rock Island, Burlington and North Western lines were forced most of today to use the Princeton yards sidetrack to bypass the accident point. The single track, utilized by the 3 companies, borders Highway 67.

The Rock Island engineer was traveling only from 7 to 8 miles per hour, it was said. No merchandise was thought damaged in the light impact.

Twenty-four loaded cars and 9 empties comprised the westerly train, while the other was made up of 15 loads and 13 empties.

No passenger trains move on the D.R.I. and N.W. line linking Clinton and Davenport.

Crewing the Rock Island train were Engineer Harvey Conductor Cady, Fireman Cornell and Brakeman Hal and Giovanzi, all of Silvis, Ill. Only the names of Engineer Burton and Conductor Mc Namara were available from the Burlington roster. Both were from Galesburg, Ill.

Five diesel trucks and car trucks left the tracks.

Only the single engine and caboose of the Rock Island train remained at the scene shortly after the crash, as the freight cars were returned to Camanche to make way for waiting fast freights.

Detailed cause of the collision has not been decided pending further investigation an da company hearing, according to officials.

Slowing the investigation is the fact that 3 different railroad companies are involved it was said.

OPEN HOUSE TO MARK ANNIVERSARY

Mississippi Valley Farmer September 28,1958

One hundred years of ownership of one farm by the same family will be observed Sunday, October 5,1958, at the Herbert Holst farm three miles southwest of Princeton. It is expected that nearly 1,000 persons will visit the farm during the day. The open house is scheduled from 1 to 4 and 7 to 10 p.m.

The farm was purchased on December 4th,1858, by Jurgen Holst, great grandfather of the present owner. The farm was originally owned by Thomas James, who received 160 acres for his service as a private in the Missouri Light Calvary. Another 40 acres, was purchased by James from the State of Iowa in 1854.

The entire 200 acres was purchased by Jurgen Holst for $2,500. The original grant was signed by Zachery Taylor, then the president of the United States.

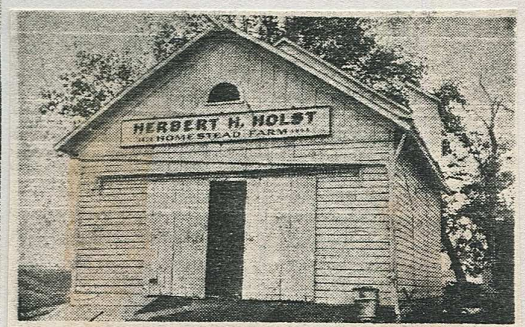
In an early history of Scott County, published about 1868, a description of Jurgen Holst told of his being one of the well-to-do farmers of the county and owning 200 acres of land valued at $50. an acre.

While the present house was not the original farm home, it was built more than three quarters of a century ago. Recently, when redecorating the hallway, several coats of wall paper were removed revealing an unusual treatment in painting the walls. Open house visitors will have a chance to see this painting.

A number of items used by the first owners of the farm will be on display. These include an old fashioned pair of spectacles, seed bags imprinted with the name of Jurgen Holst, old silverware and similar articles.

The farm passed from Jurgen Holst to his youngest Jurgen Jr. Since then the youngest son has taken over, including Thomas Holst, and now Herbert Holst. The fifth generation living on the farm includes Herbert's three sons, Wayne 18, Ronnie 15, and Harlan 11.

Members of the Herbert Holst family look over some of the old legal papers transferring the title of the farm in Princeton township to Jurgen Holst. They are (left to right) Herbert Holst, his sons, Harlon, Wayne and Ronnie, and Mrs. Holst. (Staff Photos)



A sign mounted on the front of a corn-crib that is nearly 100 years old, proclaims that the farm is the Holst Homestead and has been in the family for 100 years.

December 16, 1958

ORLOW HAMILTONS TO HOLD AN ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Orlow Hamilton, Princeton, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, December 16, at a reception in the parlors od the Argo Presbyterian Church.

The former Clara L. McConnell and Mr. Hamilton were married in 1908 in the home of the brides parents. The Hamiltons have lived on their farm in Princeton Township for the past 50 yrs. and are still active in all civic affairs and in the Argo Church.

They have two children, Mrs. Henry Lundholm, Moline, and Warren, Princeton. There are three grandchildren.

November 14, 1958

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS F. RUHBERG

Thomas F. Ruhberg was born October 2, 1891, in Long Grove. He married Leone Hamilton, March 2, 1921, in Davenport. They moved to Princeton in 1926.

Mr. Ruhberg was a former councilman of Princeton. He was a member of the IOOF Lodge.

Their children are sons Myron and Gary.

November 22, 1958

UNIQUE PRINCETON BANK NOTES GOLDEN YEAR

A bank unique among Scott County banks is observing its 50th anniversary this year, the highlight of which will be a Farm Night and an open house next weekend.

Coincidental with the observance of the 50th year of business, the Farmers Savings Bank of Princeton is proudly showing off a recently completed redecoration of existing quarters.

UNIQUE

The bank is unique in that it is the only one in Scott County to remain open during the depression and operate without restrictions, save for the few days when every bank was closed by presidential order.

The institution is headed by three men well-versed in the business of banking: H. D. Shaff, president: Glen H. Suiter, executive vice president, and William K. Stout, cashier and manager of the bank's LeClaire office.

Other directors of the bank are: Ralph A. Brown, Ellwyn C. Kroeger, Wesley C. Schmalz, Mrs. Z. G. Suiter and Robert D. Wells.

BANK NOTES GOLDEN YEAR AT THREE EVENTS

Eighty representatives from all Scott County banks and six banks in Des Moines and Chicage attended a dinner at Princeton.

'One of the highlights of the evening was the appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Suiter of Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Suiter, only surviving member of the founders of the bank, was first cashier.

In a short address, he recalled the early history of banking in Scott County and paid tribute to Claude C. Brown, former cashier, who died last year.

All members of the board were introduced by the bank's president, H. D. Shaff, who noted the majority are descendants or relatives of the founding group.

About 400 are expected for the "Farm Night" event tonight.'

Farmers Savings Bank

50th Anniversary

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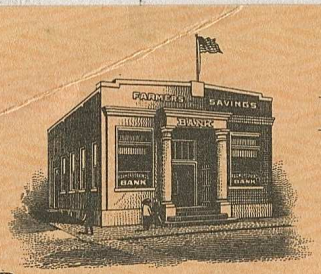

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Main Street, Princeton, 40 years ago

Fifty Years of Sound Growth

FIFTY YEARS AGO, in March 1908, forty-five farmers and businessmen of the Princeton Community met in the hall of J. D. Dennis for the purpose of organizing a new bank. These men knew that an organized effort must be made to keep the money of this community at home. They could see that it was detrimental to our farming and business interests whenever money was deposited elsewhere. They knew the inconvenience of going out of town to transact their financial business and knew that their own bank could do a much better job of taking care of their financial needs than any other. And they knew that our community could not progress without a bank. It was at this meeting that FARMERS SAVINGS BANK was born.

Our bank opened for business on April 2, 1908 with J. H. Shaff, President, J. D. Dennis, Vice President, Emil Kroeger, C. A. McCarn, C. W. Pinneo, A. H. Schmalz, and S. A. Wilson, Directors, and William Gruenwald, Cashier. In September of the first year, Charles H. Suiter was named Cashier and he served successfully in this capacity during the bank's infancy, until 1917 when Zach G. Suiter, who came with the bank in 1912, became Cashier. He later served as President from 1943 until his death in 1948.

Looking back over the minutes of the meetings of the Directors and the Stockholders of fifty years ago gives one a feeling of reverence for this group of courageous, devoted men. They sold $10,000 in Capital Stock to 66

ZACH G. SUITER
A Lifetime of Service
1912 – 1948

In Memoriam

William Gruenwald, 1908	Cashier
C. W. Pinneo, 1908 – 1909	Director
C. A. McCarn, 1908 – 1910	Director
George Holst, 1910 – 1915	Director
J. H. Shaff, 1908 – 1916	Director — President
James R. Brown, 1915 – 1932	Director
H. D. Gault, 1918 – 1931	Assistant Cashier
Sam A. Wilson, 1908 – 1933	Director
J. D. Dennis, 1908 – 1937	Director — President
Andrew H. Schmalz, 1908 – 1943	Director — Vice President — President
John F. Wilson, 1937 – 1947	Director
Zach G. Suiter, 1912 – 1948	Director — Assistant Cashier — Cashier — President
Fred H. McConnell, 1910 – 1956	Director
Claude C. Brown, 1935 – 1957	Director — Assistant Cashier — Cashier
Emil Kroeger, 1908 – 1957	Director — Assistant Cashier — Vice President — President

Article in November, 1938 issue of
Davenport Daily Times
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Unique Among Banks

Of the smaller county institutions, the Farmers' Savings bank at Princeton stands in a class by itself among all the banks in the county as the only one to weather the depression without having been closed, except for the brief period when all banks were closed by executive order, and to have operated at all times unrestricted. There was no loss to depositors.

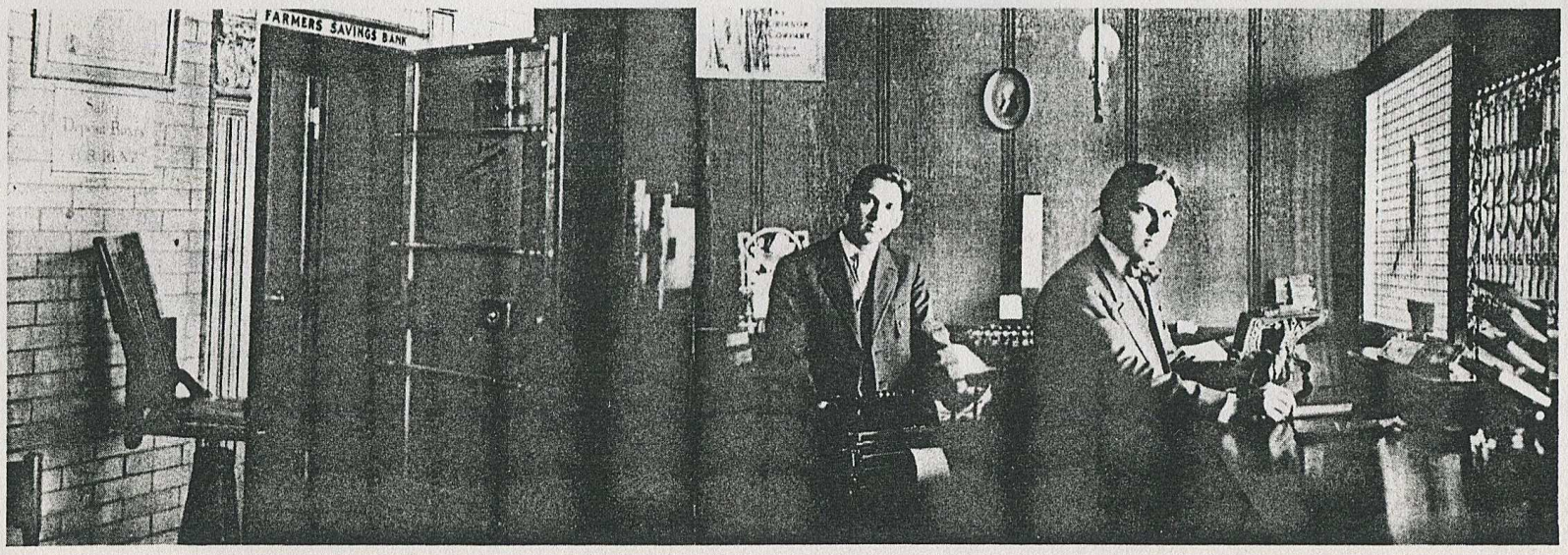
The Princeton bank experienced withdrawals in about the same proportion as other banks, its deposits shrinking gradually from more than $300,000 to about $160,000 when all the banks were closed by the president. In spite of this shrinkage, however, it was permitted to open without any restrictions.

Since that time, under the leadership of Cashier Zach Suiter, the bank has grown steadily until deposits today are more than $420,000, the highest in the institution's history. Surplus and undivided profits are well over $13,000 and the bank's condition generally is regarded as exceptionally fine.

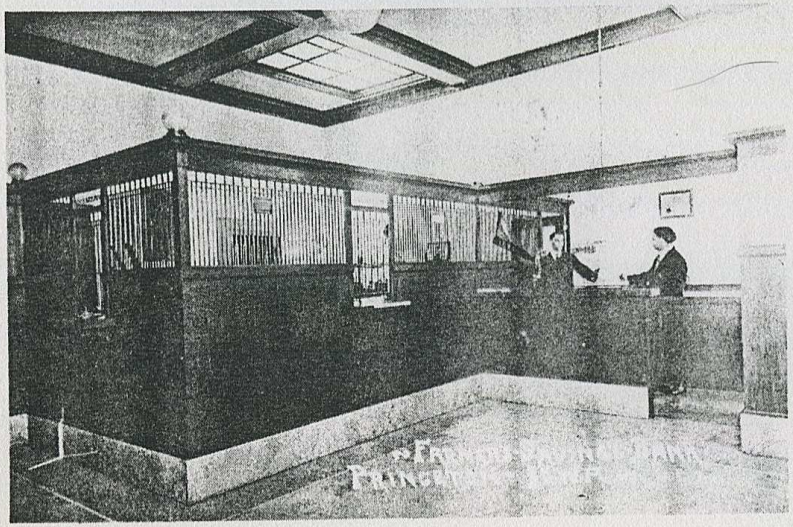
stockholders, acquired a charter, rented a building, bought furniture and fixtures for $550, hired a Cashier for $50 per month, and started doing business. They paid 4% interest on savings accounts and it appears that expenses exceeded income by $86.52 the first year. However, deposits then totaled over $50,000 and by the second annual stockholders meeting, net profits of $716.58 had accumulated.

In 1915, the present building was completed at a cost of about $5,000 and by then, resources totaled approximately $150,000. Our bank continued to grow each year

Zach G. Suiter and Chas. H. Suiter at work in old bank building in 1912



Old lobby of present bank building as it looked in 1915



the first two decades and then came the great depression. Many stories are told of the struggles to survive during this period. Deposits dropped nearly 50%, and the tension on management in being responsible for the life savings of the community during such perilous times was tremendous.

The turning point came in 1933 when all banks in the nation were closed by Presidential order for a few days. Immediately thereafter our bank was permitted to reopen without restrictions.

In 1935, Claude C. Brown came with the bank as Assistant Cashier and he supervised the opening of our LeClaire Office in 1937. The LeClaire area had been without banking facilities for several years and this step was taken in order to improve banking service to our communities. Mr. Brown was named Cashier in 1943 in which capacity he served until his death in 1957. Glen H. Suiter, who started with the bank in 1938 served first as Assistant Cashier and is now Executive Vice President. The most recent addition to the active officer staff is William K. Stout, Cashier and Manager of our LeClaire Office, who came with us in 1957 from a nearby country bank.

Our bank has grown constantly since the depression. This growth is a tribute to the confidence placed in our old and sound organization by our growing and prosperous area.

We Continue to Move Forward

Addition is Constructed

THROUGHOUT our fifty years, it has been the constant goal of the FARMERS SAVINGS BANK to provide Northeastern Scott County with a strong, progressive bank capable of handling all the banking business of the area. As we neared three million dollars in total resources, it became obvious that our building built in 1915, when resources were but $150,000, was no longer adequate. We were in dire need of additional conference rooms, bookkeeping space and a storage vault to handle properly the greatly increased volume of business. And so our new addition was constructed in 1958.

To better explain our operation, during 1958 we will make approximately 1700 loans totaling nearly $2,000,000. We are geared to handle not only the credit needs of our farmer customers for cattle, other livestock, machinery and operating, but also have a sizable volume of commercial loans to our businesses, personal loans

Glen H. Suiter, Executive Vice President, and William K. Stout, Cashier and Manager of the LeClaire office, confer in newly remodeled and redecorated office area

and real estate mortgages on farms and homes in our area. In addition, we make many auto and other installment loans. The interest from these loans provides the major source of our income. The other principal source of our income stems from our investment of $1,200,000 in government and local municipal securities. These securities are of short term maturities as we maintain a liquid position so that our depositors' money is always available.

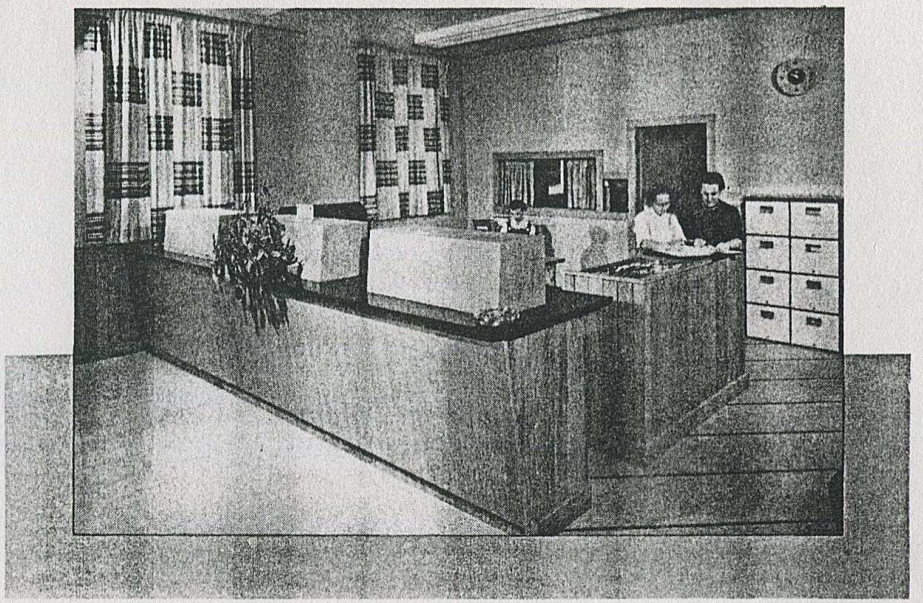
In addition, our very capable staff of four girls will efficiently process approximately 200,000 checks and deposits for our 2500 accounts through our modern equipment during the year.

All Bank Activity is Up

As part of our operation, during 1958 we will pay $30,000 interest to our savings and time certicate depositors, returning a portion of our income to our loyal depositors. Our county and Federal taxes will total $10,000, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation will receive nearly $1,000 as our annual premium on our deposit insurance, the cost of our supplies, repairs, advertising, depreciation, examination expense, telephone, postage and other miscellaneous expenses will total approximately $25,000 in addition to employee salaries.

Yet, as we have grown, after paying all expenses and modest dividends to our stockholders, we have retained

New lobby and tellers' area



Bank President Heman D. Shaff goes over the books with Suiter and Stout in conference room in new addition

over $180,000 of our earnings and our total capital has now reached an all time high of over $200,000. This large capital structure is a symbol of strength, protecting our depositors and fortifying us for any economic crisis.

As we embark on a new half century with total resources of over *three million dollars,* we are ever mindful that this story could not be written were it not for the loyal support of our many old and new friends and customers. It is obvious that our area recognizes the value of supporting wholeheartedly its own community bank. The deposits we have make it possible to supply the credit needs of our neighbors, and our loans promote prosperity in our area and provide a better place for us to live and raise our families. Our churches, our schools, our farmers, our businesses and every member of our communities benefit by the business we do.

All of us associated with the bank are deeply interested in the welfare of every individual in the communities we serve. Our facilities are now capable of handling an ever greater volume of business. Our Officers, Directors, and Staff are dedicated to giving the finest type of banking plus a multitude of extra services to each customer on a personal basis, a type of banking you can acquire only from your own community bank.

Our growth has been predicated upon one sound principal — safety of our depositors' money. We will do our utmost to warrant your continued support as we look forward to the future with confidence.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

November 1, 1958

Assets

Cash and Due from Banks	$453,625.72	
U. S. Government Securities	940,987.68	
Municipal Bonds	244,466.43	$1,639,079.83
Loans and Discounts		1,480,899.50
Bank Building and Fixtures		30,000.00
		$3,149,979.33

Liabilities

Capital	$ 50,000.00	
Surplus	100,000.00	
Undivided Profits	50,575.14	$ 200,575.14
Unearned Discount		20,000.00
Deposits		2,929,404.19
		$3,149,979.33

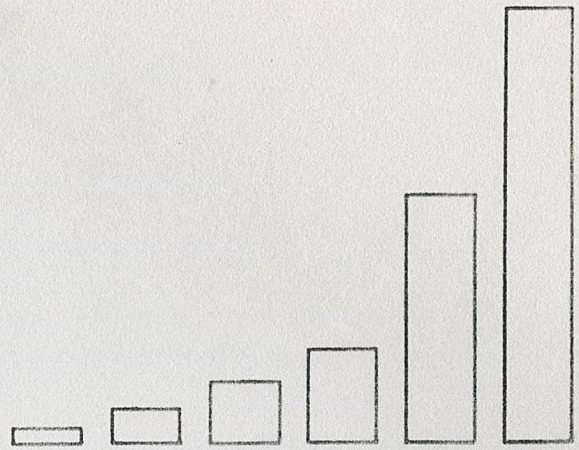
Pictured above to right is our LeClaire office. To the immediate right are pictured our staff of four girls — Mrs. Dorothy Ann Cole, Mrs. Shirley Chapman, Mrs. Rozella West, and Miss Carolyn Volrath. Their 35 years of combined experience, along with their sincere desire to give personalized, confidential, efficient, courteous service, unquestionably qualifies them to handle our ever-increasing volume of business. These girls, of whom we are especially proud, are shown in the new community room, a room which is available for community functions.

Board of Directors

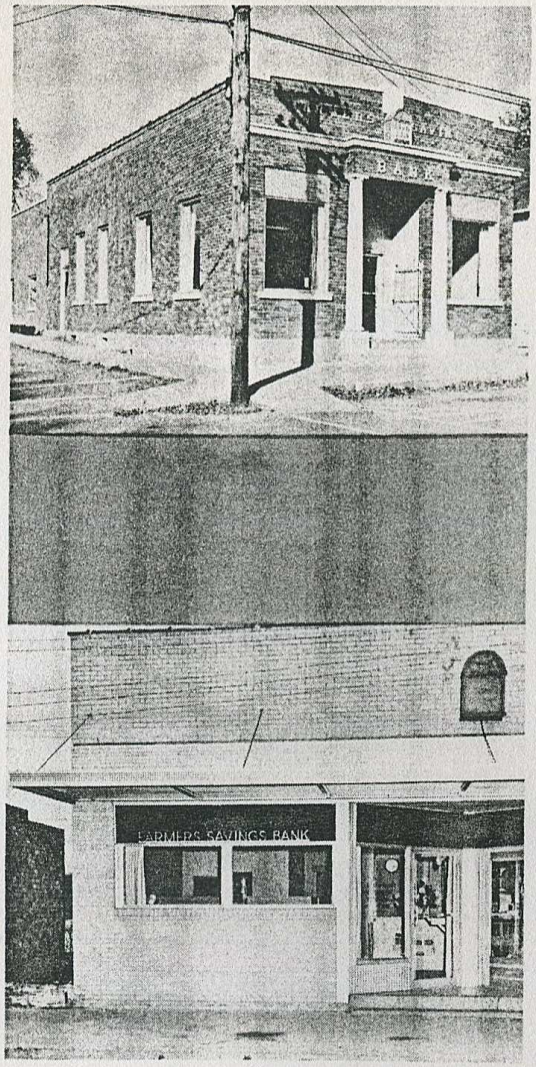
As in the past, our present Board of Directors is dedicated to principles of sound banking. The untiring devotion, along with the sage counseling of each member, has contributed immeasurably to the successful completion of five decades of continuous operation. Pictured here, clockwise from Ralph A. Brown in the immediate foreground, are Ellwyn C. Kroeger, Wesley C. Schmalz, Heman D. Shaff, William K. Stout, Glen H. Suiter, Mrs. Z. G. Suiter, and Robert D. Wells.

Total Resources in a Half Century of Growth

1958	$3,149,979.33
1948	$1,766,798.64
1938	$463,947.32
1928	$351,539.90
1918	$229,796.19
1908	$60,629.61



APPRECIATION is extended to Wm. Cole, general contractor, and Lois Suiter O'Malley, decorator, for their part in the construction and decorating of the new addition and remodeled banking quarters.



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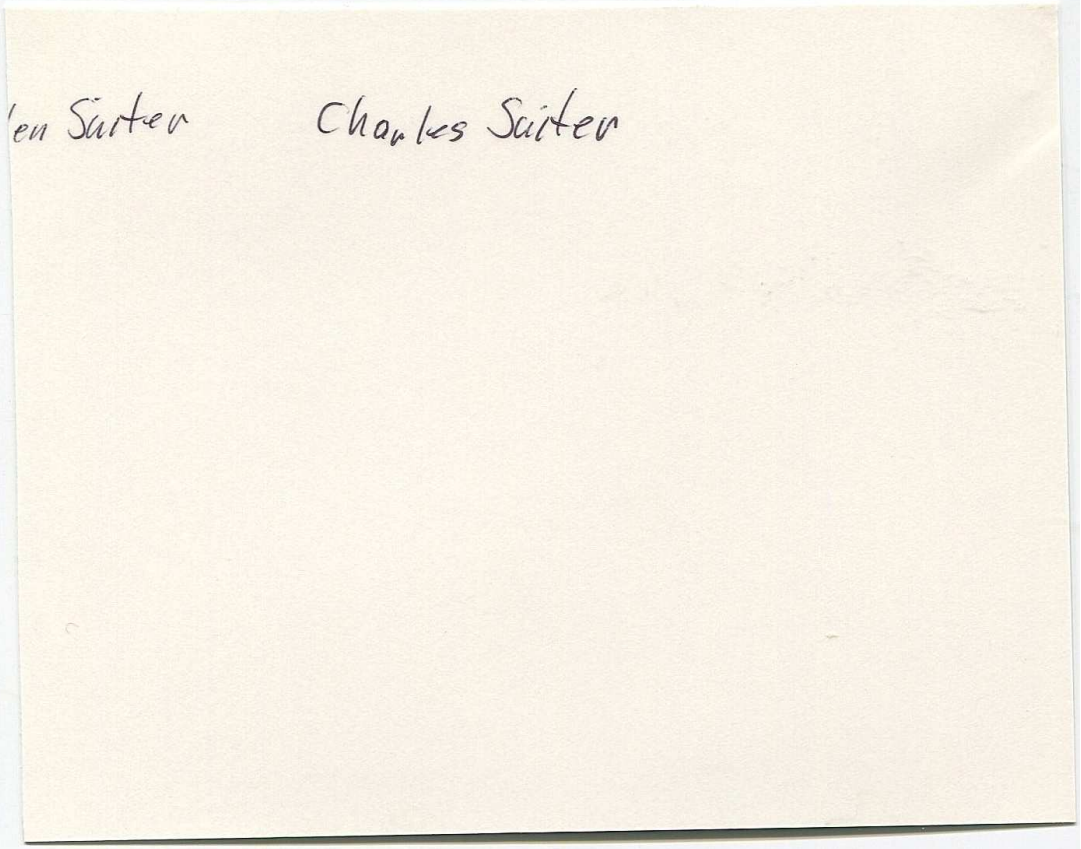
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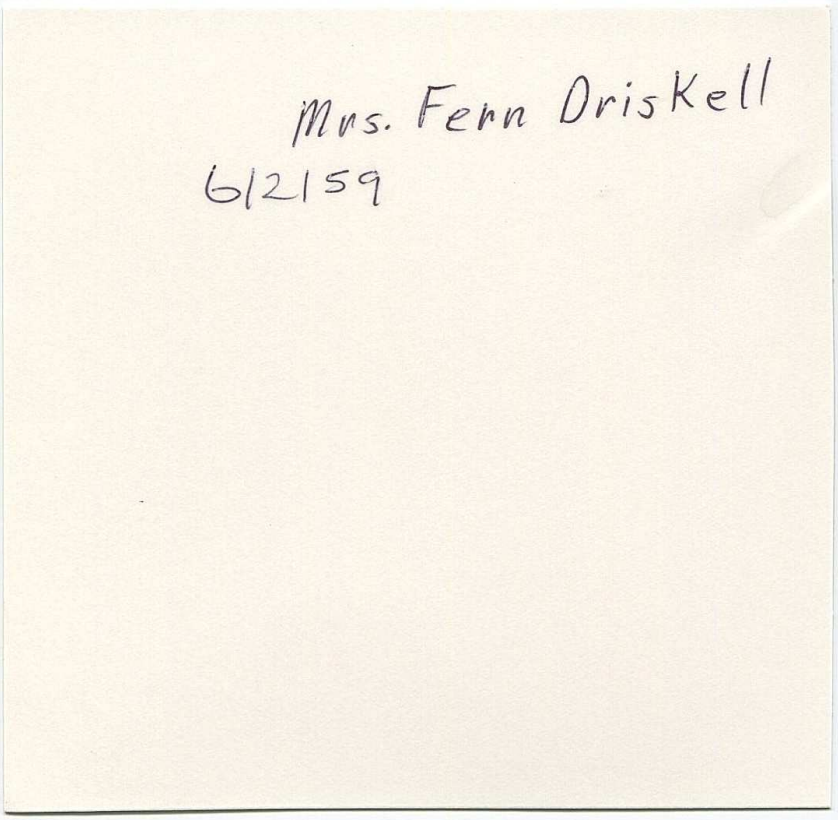
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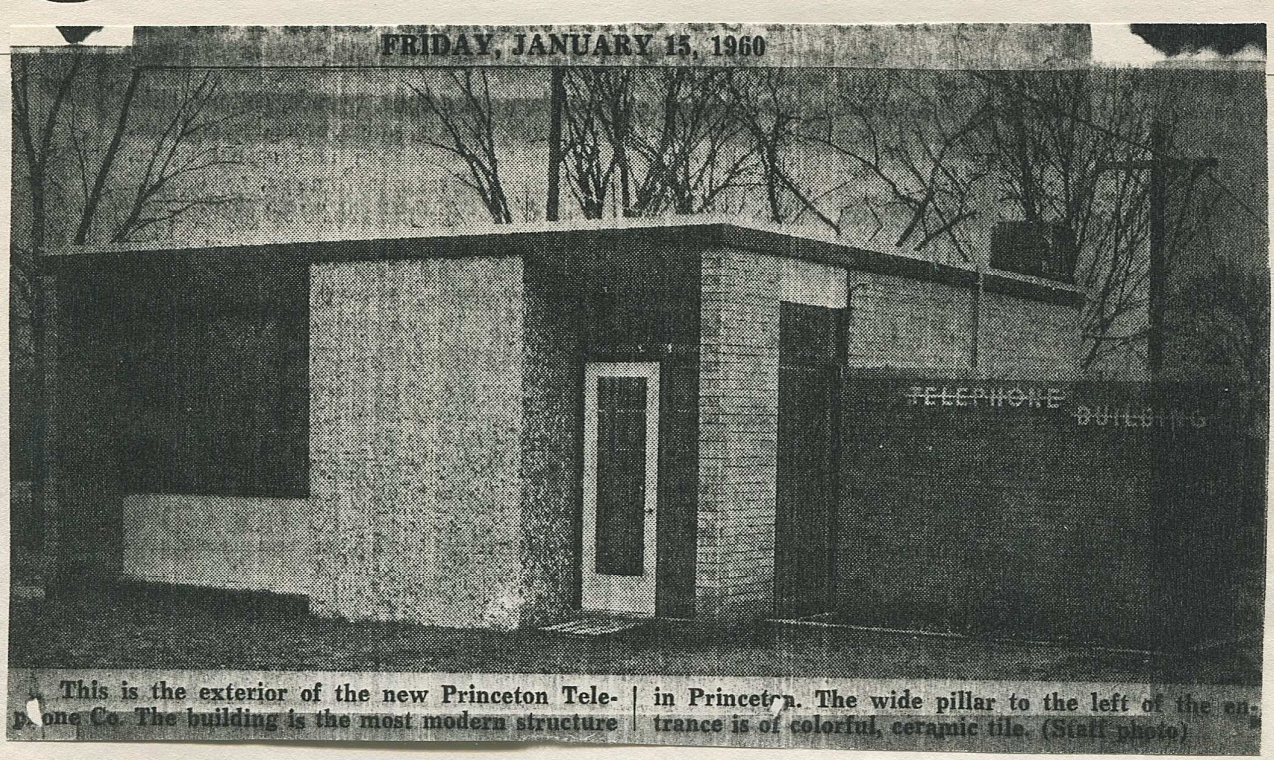

This is the exterior of the new Princeton Telephone Co. The building is the most modern structure in Princeton. The wide pillar to the left of the entrance is of colorful, ceramic tile. (Staff photo)

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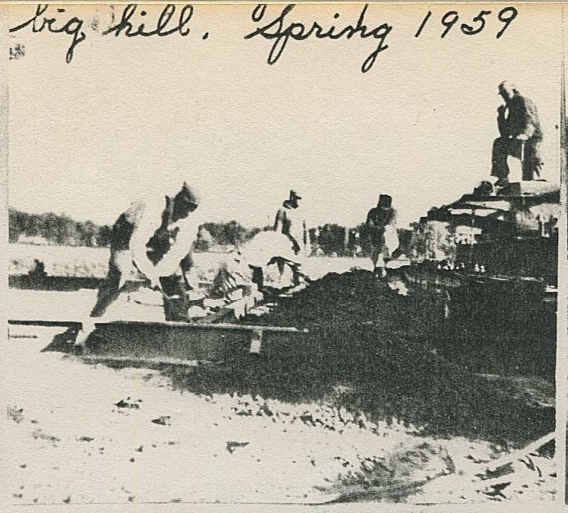

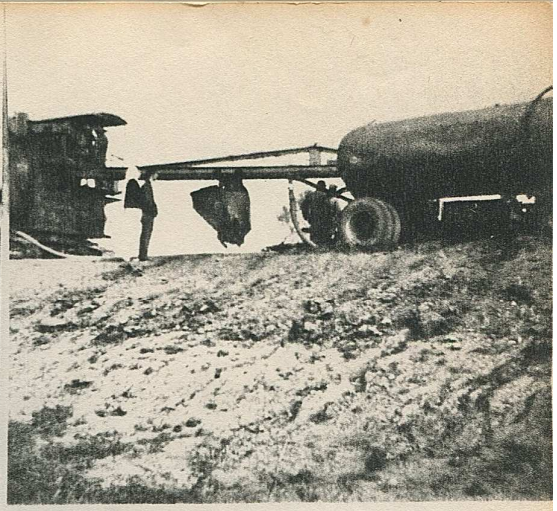

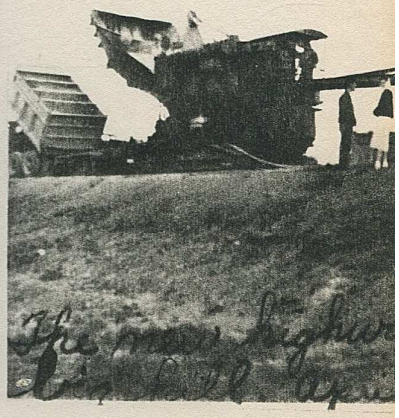

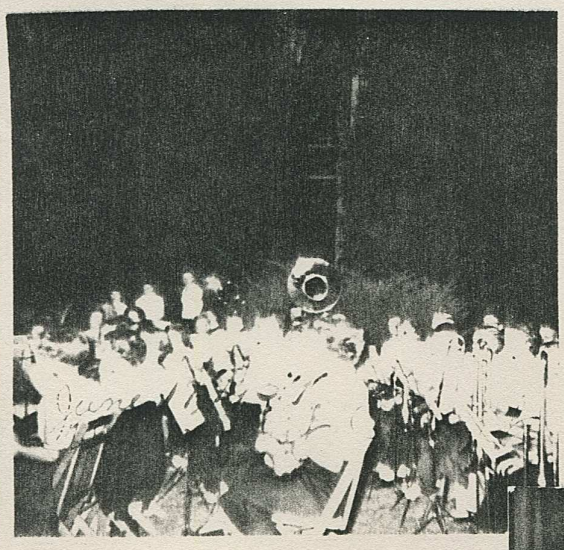

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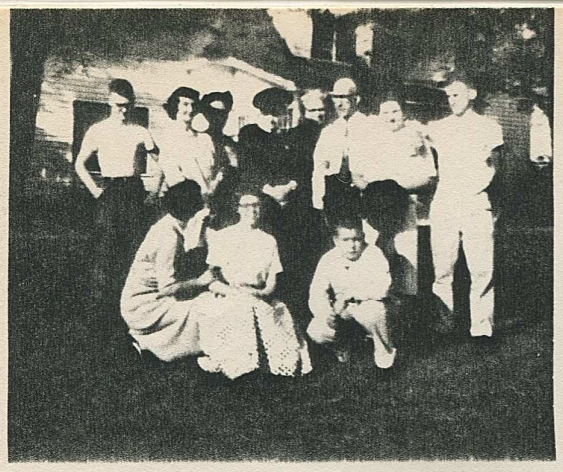

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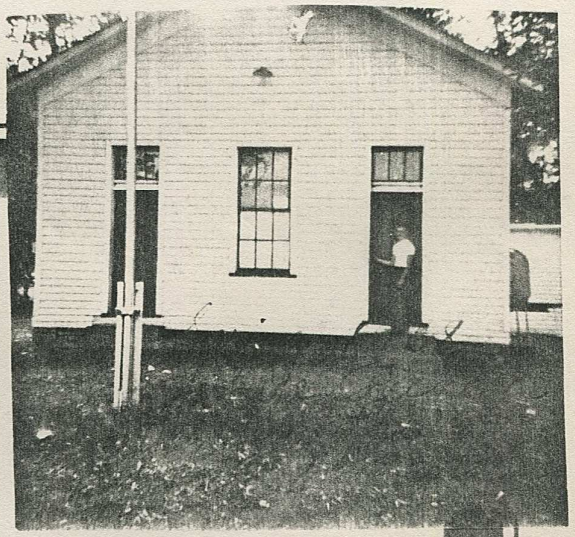

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January 21, 1959

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT FLETCHER

Mr. Fletcher was born in Princeton Township November 2, 1887. He married Bertha Bowley in Princeton in 1914.

Robert was a farmer and had lived on the same farm his entire life.

March 23, 1959

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS FULTON

The former Anna Fletcher was born in Princeton in 1882. She married Thomas Fulton in 1901. Mr. Fulton died in 1918.

Mrs. Fulton was a well-known life resident of Princeton.

Their daughters are: Mrs. George Bahr, Mrs. Clarence Coffman, Mrs. Vallie Fletcher, and Mrs. Gene Lundahl.

June 2, 1959

PRINCETON TO GET DIAL PHONES SOON

Work is under way in Princeton for the conversion to the dial phone system.

Russell Enyeart, owner and operator of the LeClaire and Princeton exchanges, said the present 330 manual phones will be converted to the dial system within three to four months.

"We were shooting for an earlier opening date," Enyeart said, "but some of the materials for the conversion have been slow in arriving. This has slowed our plans a little. Our original target date was August 1."

The conversion will affect subscribers in Princeton and the imediate Princeton rural area. LeClaire, five miles to the south, had the dial phones installed in 1951.

The present manual phone system headquarters is in the residence of EnYeart.

This, too, will be changed when the new system is completely installed. Workmen are constructing a one-story brick building across the street from the Enyeart residence. This will be the main headquarters for the new system.

Mrs. Enyeart is the chief operator at Princeton and her assistant is Mrs. Fern Driskell.

Enyeart stated that the change over in Princeton is designed to keep Princeton abreast of other advancing communities. He said he had received many letterd from patrons complimenting him and his operators for the good service during the 13 years he has operated the exchange.

STATE of IOWA

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, LeClaire-Princeton Telephone Exchanges, Princeton, Iowa, has made application to the Executive Council for authority to issue five hundred (500) shares of its common capital stock having a par value of one hundred dollars ($100) per share in exchange for cash on hand and in bank, accounts receivable, telephone exchange and plant at LeClaire, telephone exchange and plant at Princeton, furniture and fixtures, real estate, buildings and franchises as listed in its application, said issue to be in the amount of $50,000, and

WHEREAS, The Executive Council, under the provisions of Sections 492.6 and 492.7, Code of Iowa, 1954, has made investigation through its appraiser, Philip T. Hedin, as to the value of the said property listed and set out in the application and for which it is proposed to issue said common capital stock and the said appraiser has recommended the values set forth in the application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Executive Council of the State of Iowa that, as a result of its investigation as to the value of the said property to be received in payment for said stock, it is found that the value of the property (excluding franchises in the amount of $3,440) is in excess of $50,000, and it does hereby set the amount of $50,000 as the value of the said property and the said corporation is hereby authorized to issue five hundred (500) shares of its common capital stock at one hundred dollars ($100) per share par value and receive in exchange the said property listed in its application at a value of $50,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Executive Council certify the fact of the adoption of this resolution to said corporation.

I, W. GRANT CUNNINGHAM, Secretary of the Executive Council of the State of Iowa, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Executive Council of the State of Iowa at a meeting of said Executive Council held on the eighth day of August, 1956, at the State Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa.

Given my hand and seal of office this ninth day of August, 1956.

W. Grant Cunningham

SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SEAL STATE OF IOWA

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SECRETARY OF STATE
IOWA

DUPLICATE

Certificate As to Issue of Capital Stock

To be filed with the Secretary of State within 30 days after the issuance of any Capital Stock, as provided in Section 492.9, Code of Iowa, 1950, as amended by the 54th G. A.

Office of the LeClaire Princeton Telephone Exchanges
(Name of Corporation)

Princeton *Iowa,* September 17 *19* 56

I, Russell J. Enyeart *of* Princeton *Iowa*

having been duly sworn, depose and say that I am (Pres. or Sec'y) President

of the LeClaire Princeton Telephone Exchanges

of Princeton *Iowa, a corporation organized under the laws of Iowa, and that*

on August 20 *19* 56 *there were issued by said Company*

500 *shares of its Common Stock with par value of $* 100.00 *per share*

shares of its Preferred Stock with par value of $ *per share*

shares of its No Par Value Stock at a price of $ *per share*

I further state that payment in full of the total selling price and par value of such stock in the sum of $ 50,000

has been received by this corporation.

State form of payment
- *In cash $*
- *In property $* 50,000 *as approved by the Executive Council of the State of Iowa, on* Aug. 9 *19* 56 *in accordance with Chapter 492, Code of Iowa.*

The total outstanding Stock of this Company at this time is:

No par stock *shares, total selling price $*

Common stock 500 *shares, total par value $* 50,000

Preferred stock *shares, total par value $*

Total stock issued 500 *shares, total selling price and par value $* 50,000

Russell J. Enyeart
(Pres. or Sec'y)

State of Iowa
County of Scott } *ss.*

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 17 *day of* September *19* 56

by Russell J. Enyeart *known to me to be*

the (Pres. or Sec'y) President

of the above named Company.

Rozella V West
Notary Public

In and for Scott *Iowa*

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THIS DUPLICATE WILL BE RETURNED TO THE CORPORATION TO BE FILED WITH THE PERMANENT STOCK RECORDS

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF THE

LE CLAIRE PRINCETON TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

We, the undersigned, do by these presents associate ourselves together under and by virtue of Chapter 491, of the Code of Iowa 1954, and the laws amendatory thereto, and do adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this Corporation shall be "LeClaire Princeton Telephone Exchanges".

ARTICLE II.

LOCATION.

Its principal place of business shall be at Princeton, Scott County, and State of Iowa.

ARTICLE III.

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.

The object and purposes of the Corporation shall be:

1. To erect, construct, maintain, own, operate, manage, buy, sell, lease as lessor or lessee, exchange, hold, dispose of, mortgage and control telephone lines, exchanges, buildings, plants, works, machinery, apparatus, equipment, systems and business.

2. To erect, construct, maintain, repair, install, buy, sell, lease as lessor or lessee, operate, exchange, own, hold, dispose of, mortgage and control the machinery, apparatus, towers, stations, poles, engines, generators, transmitters and other equipment used in the sending of messages by radio, microwave, electronics or other methods which may now, or hereafter, be used and necessary to carry out such purposes.

3. To acquire and own real estate, to mortgage or sell the same, erect buildings and other structures, for the benefit and use of this Corporation.

4. To purchase and sell stocks, bonds, indentures, and other evidences of indebtedness and choses of action, for the purpose of investing depreciation reserve or surplus capital.

ARTICLE IV.

POWERS.

This Corporation shall have power and authority:

1. To own, buy, sell, trade, encumber, lease as lessor or lessee, exchange, procure or grant easements or rights-of-way, mortgage as mortgagee or mortgagor, handle and deal in any and all kinds of real estate or personal property for any lawful purpose whatsoever.

2. Issue bonds, borrow money, lend money, mortgage or hypothecate, in whole or in part, real estate or personal property, including but not limited to securities and stocks.

3. Make contracts with any person, partnership, association, and any type of firm, organization, or individual.

4. To purchase, own and sell its own shares of stock.

5. This Corporation shall further have all powers necessary for or incidental to the conveniences of transacting of the business for which it has been organized, including all of the power and privileges intended for and granted to corporations organized in the State of Iowa pursuant to Chapter 491 of the Code of Iowa, as amended, and further among its powers shall be the following powers as enumerated in Section 491.3 of the 1954 Code of Iowa, as amended:

a. To have perpetual succession.
b. To sue and be sued by its corporate name.
c. To have a common seal which it may alter at pleasure.
d. To render the interests of the stockholders transferable.
e. To exempt the private property of its members from liability for corporate debts, except as otherwise declared.
f. To make contracts, acquire and transfer property, possessing the same powers in such respects as natural persons.
g. To establish by-laws make all rules and regulations necessary for the management of its affairs.

ARTICLE V.

CAPITAL STOCK.

1. The capital stock of this corporation shall be $100,000.00 consisting of 1000 shares of common stock of the par value of $100.00 each. No stock shall be issued until the Corporation has received payment in full therefor in cash or property.

The capital stock authorized may be increased by a vote of a majority in interest of all the common stockholders by adoption of an amendment to these Articles. When the outstanding capital is increased additional shares shall be offered to the common stockholders in proportion to their holdings, but not less than par.

ARTICLE VI.

CORPORATE EXISTENCE.

The corporate life of this Corporation shall extend for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of issuance of a Certificate of Incorporation from the Secretary of State of the State of Iowa, with the right of renewal, unless sooner dissolved by a two-thirds vote of all stock outstanding, at an Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting called for that purpose, or by unanimous consent as provided by law.

ARTICLE VII.

MANAGEMENT.

The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a Board of not less than two (2), nor more than five (5) Directors, who shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. The Directors shall be stockholders, and if any Director shall cease to be a stockholder he shall at once cease to be a Director. The Board of Directors may fill all vacancies occurring in its membership, at any meeting, such members to hold office until his successor shall be elected and qualified. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Until the next Annual Meeting of the stockholders, the following named persons shall be Directors:

NAME	POST OFFICE
Russell J. Enyeart	Princeton, Iowa
Evonda Enyeart	Princeton, Iowa

Immediately following the Annual Meeting the Directors shall convene and elect from their number a President, Vice President, and Treasurer. The Directors shall also elect a Secretary, who may or may not be a Director. They may also elect such other officers as they may see fit, or as may be provided for by the By-laws of this Corporation. Said officers shall hold said office for a term of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Until the next Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors the following named persons shall act as officers of this corporation:

	NAME	POST OFFICE
President:	Russell J. Enyeart	Princeton, Iowa
Vice President:	Evonda Enyeart	Princeton, Iowa
Secretary:	Evonda Enyeart	Princeton, Iowa
Treasurer:	Russell J. Enyeart	Princeton, Iowa

ARTICLE VIII.

VOTING:

At all meetings of stockholders, both regular and special, voting shall be on the following basis:

1. Each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock held by him.
2. Votes may be cast by the stockholders in person or by means of written proxy.
3. Any number of stockholders present shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS.

The first Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Corporation shall be held on the first Monday in May, 1957, and on the first Monday in May in each year thereafter.

Notice of such Annual Meeting shall be given by mail, addressed to each shareholder at his address as shown by the Books of the Corporation, and said Notice shall be mailed at least five (5) days prior to the date fixed for said meeting.

Special meetings of the stockholders may be called pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of Directors, or on the call of the President. Such Resolution, or call of the President, shall fix the time and place of holding such meeting and all stockholders shall be given written notice by mail, not less than five (5) days prior to the date of said meeting. Said notice shall contain a statement of the purpose of said Special Meeting. In event the President or Board of Directors refuse to call a Special Meeting, then stockholders owning one hundred (100) shares of stock may call a Special Meeting with the same force and effect as if the same were called by the President or Board of Directors by giving the Notice provided for above.

ARTICLE X.

PRIVATE PROPERTY.

The private property of the stockholders of this Corporation shall not, in any event, be subject to any of the debts of the Corporation, and this Article shall never be repealed or amended.

ARTICLE XI.

BY-LAWS.

The Board of Directors shall make and alter such By-Laws as shall be necessary to carry on the business of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES.

These Articles may be amended by a majority vote of all the stock in interest, at any regular meeting of the stockholders, or at any Special Meeting called for that purpose, provided that notice of said meeting be given to each stockholder in writing, specifying the changes sought to be made. Said notice is to be mailed to the addresses of the stockholders as shown by the stock records of this Corporation, at least ten (10) days before said meeting.

ARTICLE XIII.

EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS.

All written contracts, agreements, deeds, conveyances, and certificates of stock shall be signed by President, or Vice President, and countersigned by the Secretary of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XIV.

CORPORATE SEAL.

This Corporation shall have a Corporate Seal.

Russell J. Enyeart
Russell J. Enyeart

Evonda Enyeart
Evonda Enyeart

STATE OF IOWA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF SCOTT)

Be it remembered that on this 24th day of April A. D., 1956, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally came Russell J. Enyeart and Evonda Enyeart, to me personally known to be the identical persons named in and who signed the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged the execution thereof to be the voluntary act and deed of each of them for the purposes therein set out.

Witness my Hand and Seal Notarial the day and year last above written.

DOROTHY ANN COLE
IOWA
NOTARIAL SEAL

Dorothy Ann Cole
Notary Public within and for said County and State.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Des Moines, Iowa
This instrument recorded in Book H-16, Page 621, May 1- 1956
Expires May 1-1976 Cert. No. 10627 Receipt No. 10627
Filed By W. McFarlin & McFarlin Attys Montezuma Iowa
Filing Fee 115.00 Recording Fee 2.50 Melvin D. Synhorst Secretary of State

BY-LAWS

of the

LE CLAIRE PRINCETON TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

ARTICLE I.

The regular Annual Meetings of the Stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of other business which may legally come before such meetings, shall be held between the hours of two and four o'clock P. M., on the date specified in the Articles of Incorporation, and Notice of said meetings, as well as Special Meetings shall be given by the Secretary in the manner prescribed by said Articles, who shall keep a copy of said Notice and of the time of depositing the same in the mails, and such records shall be conclusive evidence of the giving of such Notice.

ARTICLE II.

The Board of Directors of this Company shall hold regular meetings quarterly at such hour as the President may fix, at the Office of the Company for the transaction of business. The first Quarterly Meeting shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders, and the three remaining quarterly meetings shall be held on the first Monday of August, November, and February.

ARTICLE III.

The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the stockholders and the Board of Directors; the President shall also act as the chief executive officer of said Corporation, invested with the powers of a Manager. If the President is absent from any of said meetings, a Chairman pro tem shall be elected by the stockholders or the Board of Directors, as the case may be.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the stockholders and the Board of Directors, and to keep a record of all proceedings of such meetings; to give the required notices of all meetings of the stockholders; to make and preserve the evidence thereof; and to perform such other duties as may be required from him from time to time by the Board of Directors.

McFARLIN & McFARLIN

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

MONTEZUMA, IOWA

ARTICLE V.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for all money or all other property coming into his hands as such. Either the President or Secretary shall have authority to sign checks, not exceeding $5,000.00 in amount, checks in excess of such amount shall be signed by both the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

The Board of Directors may, by appropriate action, assign duties or confer authority upon the respective officers of this Corporation, or such employees as they may hereafter select. The compensation of all officers of the Company shall be fixed by the Directors. The compensation of all other employees shall be fixed by the President or the Manager, if one be employed.

ARTICLE VII.

The net earnings of this Company shall be disposed of according to the order of the Board of Directors made at Regular or Special Meetings, and no dividends shall be paid to stockholders, or other disposition of earnings made, except by the Order of said Board.

ARTICLE VIII.

A majority of the Directors, including the President, shall be a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE IX.

All conveyances of real property made by the Corporation shall be executed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary; and all releases of mortgages, liens, judgments, or other claims that are required by law to be made of record may be executed by the President, Vice President, or Secretary of the Corporation.

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LeClaire Princeton Telephone Exchanges

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Articles of Incorporation

STATE OF IOWA, Scott Co.
Filed for Record
May 5th, 1956
at 9:00 *o'clock* A. *M. and*
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CLARENCE E. HAGEN, *Recorder*
Minnie E. Carlson *Deputy*
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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
MONTEZUMA, IOWA

TOWN OF PRINCETON

STATE OF IOWA • U. S. A.

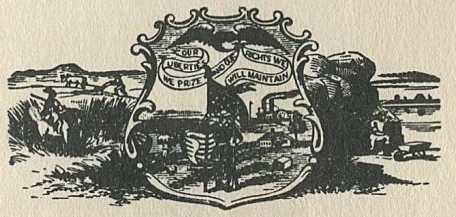
Population: 600

Elevation: 597 ft.

Recreation: Grand!

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

STATE OF IOWA



At an Election holden in SCOTT COUNTY *on the* SIXTH *day of* NOVEMBER *A. D. 1956*, GEORGE E. VOLRATH *was elected to the office of* JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRINCETON TOWNSHIP *for the term of* TWO *years, from the* SECOND *day of* JANUARY *A. D. 1957*, *and until his successor is elected and qualified.*

(*Seal*)

Henry C. Ehlers
Chairman - Board of Supervisors

Witness:

County Auditor.

FIDLAR & CHAMBERS CO., DAVENPORT, IOWA

W. F. VOSS

COUNTY AUDITOR

December 11, 1956

Mr. George E. Volrath,
Princeton,
Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a Certificate showing that you were elected as Justice of the Peace in Princeton Township.

In order to qualify for this office you must furnish an official bond in the amount of $1000.00. A form is enclosed herewith. If you wish to have personal sureties you must each sign in two places as marked, having your signatures acknowledged by a Notary Public.

The bond should be on file in our office before the end of this year inasmuch as your term begins on January 2, 1957.

Yours very truly,

W. F. Voss

County Auditor.

WFV:GCB
Encl.

OFFICIAL BOND — Iowa Official Form No. 212

Know all Men by these Presents:

That we George E. Volrath as principal,

and .....

.....

.....as sureties, of the County of Scott and State of Iowa,

ARE HELD AND FIRMLY BOUND unto the State of Iowa, and the County of Scott

in the penal sum of One Thousand and no/100 - - - - - - - - - - - DOLLARS, lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That the above bounden George E. Volrath

having been duly elected Justice of the Peace, Princeton Twp. of said County at the General Election for the term of two years from the 2nd day of January 19 57; that as Justice of the Peace in Princeton Township

he will render a true account of his office and of his doings therein to the proper authority, when required thereby, or by law; that he will promptly pay over to the officer or person entitled thereto all moneys which may come into his hands by virtue of his office; that he will promptly account for all balances of money remaining in his hands at the termination of his office; that he will exercise all reasonable diligence and care in the preservation and lawful disposal of all money, books, papers, securities, or other property appertaining to his said office, and deliver them to his successor or to any other person authorized to receive the same; and that he will faithfully and impartially, without fear, favor, fraud, or oppression, discharge all the duties now or hereafter required of his office by law, and the sureties on such bond shall be liable for all money or public property that may come into the hands of such officer at any time during his possession of such office, then this bond to be void, otherwise in full force.

Signed this ..... day of December 1956.

..... x Volrath

..... x surety

..... x surety

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STATE OF IOWA, Scott County, ss.

I, George E. Volrath solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and that I will faithfully and impartially to the best of my ability discharge the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace in Princeton Township as now or hereafter required by law.

..... x Volrath

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this ..... day of December 1956

..... x Notary

QUALIFICATION OF SURETIES

STATE OF IOWA, Scott County, ss.

I do solemnly swear that I am a resident and a freeholder of the State of Iowa, and am worth the sum of One Thousand and no/100 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Dollars, beyond the amount of my debts, and have property liable to execution in this State equal to the sum of One Thousand - - - - Dollars.

..... x surety

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..... x surety

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(Notary on Bond)

I do solemnly swear that I am a resident and a freeholder of the State of Iowa, and am worth the sum of ..... Dollars, beyond the amount of my debts, and have property liable to execution in this State equal to the sum of ..... Dollars.

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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by the said .....

this ..... day of December A. D. 19 56.

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Notary Public in and for Scott County, Iowa.

No. 91

OFFICIAL BOND

Office of .....

..... County, Iowa.

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County Auditor

Approved by .....

this ..... day of .....

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FIDLAR & CHAMBERS CO., DAVENPORT, IOWA 567113

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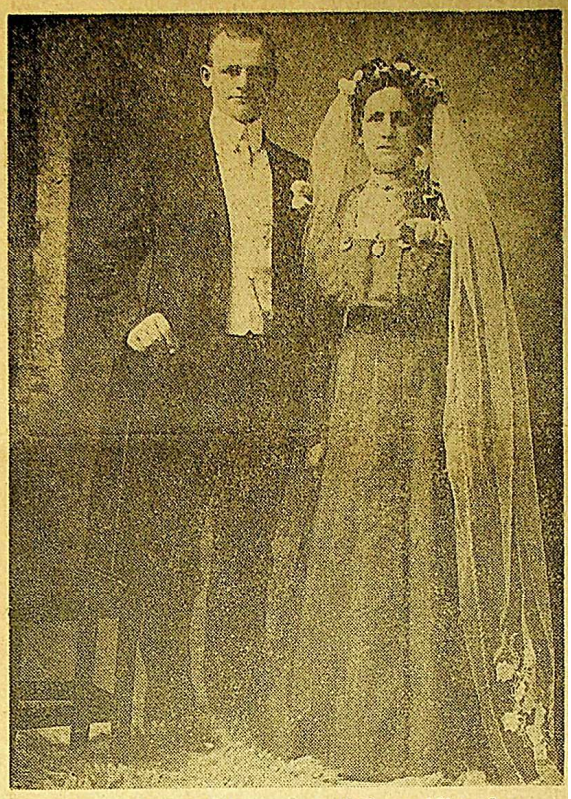


Mr. and Mrs. Nick Siem on their wedding day.

Siem 1959

An open house from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Nov. 22 will honor Mr. and Mrs. Nick Siem, Princeton, Iowa, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invtied to attend the event in Pleasant Valley Community Hall. Tues

A family dinner will be served Nov. 24 at the home of their daugther, Mrs. Louis Fisher, Davenport.

The former Marie Reese and Mr. Siem were married Nov. 24, 1909, in Davenport.

They are engaged in farming.

The couple has two sons, Harold and Ernest, both of Princeton; and four daughters, Mrs. Lambert Storjohann and Mrs. Louis Fisher, both of Davenport, Mrs. Bruce Cole, Princeton, and Mrs. Leonard Petersen, Dixon. A nephew, Jurgen Reese, was raised by the family. There are 25 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

...And Now

The Siems on their golden anniversary.

December 10, 1959

MR. AND MRS. HENRY HOLST

Mr. Holst was born in Princeton Township in 1874. He married the former Minnie Rasche in 1902. She died in 1939.

Henry was a life- resident of Scott County. He had been an active farmer all his life.

Their children are: Mrs. Viola Peitscher, and two sons, Roy and Ray. They also had five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

January 11, 1960

PRINCETON FORMS A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GROUP

A Chamber of Commerce for the town of Princeton was formed at an organizational meeting attended by 32 people at Pain's Cafe in Princeton.

Included in the founding group were businessmen, farmers and residents of Princeton and its surrounding area. Purpose of the new chamber is to promote civic projects and community welfare.

Elected were H. E. Lund, president, Vern Ernst, vice-president, and Glen Suiter, secretary-treasurer.

A committee headed by Lund was appointed to formulate policy and meet Monday at Pain's Cafe. The entire membership will meet January 26 to act on the policy recommendations of this committee.

January 26, 1960

PRINCETON CHAMBER SETS TARGET DATE

The new Princeton Chamber of Commerce set up to promote the Scott County town as a community and industrial area, will come into being on Feb. 20.

President H. E. Lund , in wake of the first membership meeting Tuesday night, reported that the organization hopes to incorporate and become affiliated with the national group at that time.

A five-man committee was set up Tuesday to study bylaws and to pinpoint various committees to work out the promotion of Princeton. The committee is headed by Vern Ernst. Other members include Henry Bowe, George Beuser, Herbert Peitscher and Ray Chelar.

The new group is aiming for at least 100 members; the present nucleus is comprised of 15.

January 24, 1960

RUNNING THE LINES..
Civilization Closes In, But Trappers Still Find Game In The Quad-City Area And Trap The Beaver, Mink And Muskrat In A Way That Has Changed But Little Since The Days Of Dan'l Boone.

Beaver In Duck Creek

"There is a big colony of beaver in Duck Creek right back of Davenport's Oakdale cemetery," adds Scheafer.

To run a line of traps is as much a hobby as it is a business for many trappers today.

"Oh, I make a few bucks at it, But nothing like I did 15 or 20 years ago," says Ralph Ney of Princeton, one of the veteran Quad-City area trappers. Ney works the Wapsi, the Mississippi River, the Princeton bottoms, and such wild country as Steamboat Slough. In the season of mink and rat (muskrat) he'll run a line of 50 traps. With only beaver season left open, he now has only a dozen of the heavy-springed traps on his line.

He walks his line, carrying with him a little axe with which to chop holes in the ice or to kill the animals caught in land-sets. (The animals drown in water-set traps). Like may trappers ney skins the animals right on the scene, regardless of the weather.

Trapping is rugged, cold and hard on the hands. A trapper is frequently up to his elbow - or even shoulder - in the icy water positioning his trap or retrieving th game. Ney has been trapping since he was "big enough to set the jaws trap."

Febuary 18, 1960

LUND ENTERS RACE FOR COUNTY BOARD

Hilding Lund, Princeton business man, today annouced his candidacy for the Republician nomination for Scott County supervisor, 1961 term.

Lund has operated a garage and farm implement business in Princeton for 31 years and is widely known throughout the county. He lives on his farm two miles south of Princeton, which he farmed for a number of years before engaging in business.

He believes there is a necessity for close cooperation between urban and rural elements, and feels that his long experience in business and knowledge of the county's needs qualifies him to take part in the management of its affairs.

"Running a county government such as that of Scott's is big business, and I hope that my experience will make me able to help manage that business efficiently," he said.

Born in Moline, Lund came to Scott County and Princeton 47 years ago at the age of 9.

His annoucement of candidacy represents his first venture into politics. Although he has served for the last 10 years as a member of the Pine Knoll Hospital Board of Trustees, his election was on a non-partisan basis.

Landmark To Be Restored

Easterners Buy 103-Year-Old LeClaire Home

LeCLAIRE, Ia. — This historic river town is going to have one of its most famous landmarks saved.

The old Dr. Gamble home, which was once a luxurious mansion, has been purchased by a New York couple "to save it from eventual destruction by time."

[illegible] Huntley, from far-away Bronxville, N.Y., have purchased the 103-year-old home from Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ballard. They are to obtain possession in June.

Mrs. Huntley, the former Jane Kirk, grew to love LeClaire and its quaint charm when she was a child and lived in Davenport.

"LeClaire has always seemed to be one of those fortunate spots in the world that commercialism has passed up. It is a lovely, quiet place with echoes of history to make it all the more charming," she said.

Driving through LeClaire while visiting here, the easterners saw a "for sale" sign on the big, brick Ballard place. She admitted they were "entranced by the possibilities."

The big brick home, with its "steamboat gothic" style of architecture, is located at the edge of a grove of chestnut trees. Inside, it has been cut up into several apartments, but the Huntley's looked closely at the big grand staircase, the fireplace in the kitchen and the rich woodwork, and decided this was the place for them.

"Here, we believe will be an ideal place to preserve a [illegible] life as it was in the days when the Mississippi River was the backbone and business of midwestern U.S.A.," Mrs. Huntley said.

While they have purchased the home, she points out they will not immediately start major restoration. They will wait until their children are through college, and then move to LeClaire to make their home. This will probably be a number of years hence.

However, in the meantime, they believe that tuck pointing and some of the more basic repairs will be all they can carry out.

Mrs. Huntley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kirk, 2830 Bridge Ave., Davenport.

Here is the Lester Ballard home in LeClaire, set for restoration by a couple from New York. (Staff photo)

M. A. Fulton, editor of The Daily Times, observes his 50th anniversary with the paper by comparing today's first edition with a reproduction of the front page of the paper the day he joined The Times in 1910. (Staff Photo)

AFTER HALF A CENTURY—

Editor Is 'Scooped!'

M. A. Fulton, the man who has quite possibly been "on top" of as many stories as any news man in the country, today was finally caught "off base!"

The editor of The Daily Times found himself the central figure of a story he didn't know was breaking until he was asked to copyread it — this one, a summary of his 50 years with The Times.

Fulton thought only a few intimates were aware of the fact that he'd joined The Times staff a half-century ago this week.

But this afternoon, newspaper executives, his own news staff, former co-workers, state and city officials, and a host of friends, as well as members of his family, began gathering at Hotel Blackhawk to do him honor, the result of secret conniving that has been going on for weeks.

50 YEARS AGO

Fifty years ago today President Taft was urging "conservatism" in Midwest talks, Teddy Roosevelt was threatening to run again in 1912, and "Merv" Fulton, son of Dr. Samuel R. and Ida E. Fulton, descendants of pioneer stock, was dabbling with type at the office of the weekly Princeton newspaper.

Blessed with an extraordinary memory, and an avid student of history, he decided that he wanted to make journalism his life's work and he joined the staff of The Times.

"CALLOW YOUTH"

"A callow youth," the opposition hastened to dub him, when as a "cub" he started to cover the railroad depots.

The scoops that followed as Fulton took over city hall, the police beat, and every imaginable assignment, including baseball, in the booming cities of Davenport, Rock Island, Moline and East Moline, caused his rivals to make an agonizing reappraisal.

His managing editor, the late James E. Hardman, brought the energetic newsman into the office as his right-hand desk man.

Fulton's progress through the other posts of the newspaper was rapid. He served as Illinois editor, Rock Island and Moline editor, telegraph editor, and news editor before assuming the post he now holds, editor, on June 3, 1951.

MARCH OF HISTORY

History blazed during the more than 25 years he served as news editor under Managing Editor Ralph Leysen and his was the responsibility for handling most of the stories that told of the search for "normalcy," the Jazz Age, the Great Depression, and the New Deal.

His greatest test came when World War II exploded and he found himself editing the dramatic events that sparked so many "extras."

In the days of World War I Fulton had taken a leave of absence from The Times to serve two years in the Army. He went to France with the rank of regimental sergeant major in the 59th Field Artillery Brigade.

WIDELY PRAISED

His familiarity with the world scene and his voracious reading habits aided him in presenting the World War II story to the point where The Times editions for the war years became widely praised.

He was struck down by illness after the conflict ended. E. P. Adler, late publisher of the newspaper, in a warm message to his aide, told him he considered him a casualty of the war just as much as a wounded soldier.

After a long convalescence Fulton bounced back into active participation in the management of the newspaper.

NEW WAYS

"Fult" saw some of the most impressive transitions of newspaper mechanics in the history of the industry. The old Morse telegraph transmission of the news gave way to the teletype; where once there were mail deliveries of matrix pictures, now there is Wirephoto. He helped pioneer these methods. Modern techniques, including The Times' operation of its own photo-engraving facilities, implemented the handling and illustration of the news with the speed and dramatic presentation which his concept of a newspaper demanded.

For 32 years "Fult" lived in LeClaire. He took a leading part in all of the community affairs, served on the school board for 20 years, most of the time as president, and served two terms on the city council.

ACTIVE IN CHURCH

Active in church affairs, he was superintendent of a Sunday School in LeClaire and a church elder. He is a member of the Masonic order, and was at one time master of Snow Lodge of LeClaire. He is also a member of Zarephath Consistory of Davenport.

The Fultons reside at 2634 Arlington Ave., Davenport. They have a daughter, Mrs. Wendell Porter, residing in Rockford, Ill., and a son, John Fulton, Riverdale, a member of the advertising staff of Davenport Newspapers. They also have four grandchildren.

A leader in the Scott County organization of the Republican Party, Mr. Fulton's advice is constantly sought by party leaders who have implicit confidence in his judgment and integrity.

COUNSELOR

His wide knowledge of civic affairs and his aggressive belief in democracy have brought to his office countless national and state political figures for advice and consultation.

Many of the reporters he has trained have gone on to important metropolitan newspapers, others have become successful executives in advertising or public relations bureaus.

Fulton is one of the few edi-

50 YEARS AGO

1960 Tues Dec 20

Officers Probe Discovery Of Lifeless Baby in Cave

LONG GROVE — An autopsy this afternoon is expected to shed light on what caused the death of a five-month-old Long Grove girl thought to have been abandoned Tuesday by her mother in a rocky ledge nine miles south of Bellavue, authorities said this morning.

Karen Jo, the infant daughter of James and Ruth Edwards, was found in the ledge about 3:55 a.m. today after a 12-hour search by sheriffs highway patrolmen and others in the rocky timberlands of the Guttenberg, Dubuque and Bellevue areas.

Dr. E. E. Zehr of Guttenberg, Clayton county coroner, said at noon today that the complete laboratory investigation following the autopsy might require several days. He observed that the infant was dead before she was deposited in the cavern.

James and Ruth Edwards, the latter about 22 years old, are at a Guttenberg motel pending further investigation, officers said this morning.

The body evidently had suffered exposure for 15 to 18 hours before found, the coroner stated. Reports said it was found in a triangular niche in the ledge. The body was almost concealed from view by brush that had been piled in front of it.

Authorities state the hunt was set off soon after Mrs. Edwards phoned her father, also thought to be a Scott county resident, from Guttenberg about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Mrs. Edwards' father then called Clayton county officers, saying his daughter had phoned him that she came home from shopping about 8 a.m. Tuesday and found that her five-month-old daughter was not breathing. She said she took the child, jumped into a car and headed north from Long Grove on Highway 61.

She said she "hocked" her husband's 22 caliber revolver, carried in the car, to a party at Dubuque. **After officers picked up Mrs. Edwards at Guttenberg, she attempted to direct them to the "cave" which held her baby.**

Her directions fit various communities along the Mississippi river in Clayton, Dubuque and Jackson counties, authorities said.

The intense search in sub-zero weather finally proved successful in a ledge along a county road about nine miles south of Bellevue. Officers pressed the hunt from about 4 p.m. Tuesday until the body was discovered.

The mother had not been arrested early today, it was stated. One investigating officer theorized today that Mrs. Edwards might have gone into mental shock on finding that her child was not breathing and took flight with it.

The autopsy was expected to reveal the exact cause of death, authorities said. The couple reportedly has four other children, ages two through four years. The father is said to be employed in De Witt.

Dr. Zehr said at noon today that jurisdiction in the autopsy had not yet been determined and that the autopsy might be performed in Jackson county. Dr. John Broman of Maquoketa is Jackson county coroner.

Authorities said the ledge which held the infant is located near a hilly, winding rural road southwest of Green Island.

Fri Dec 30

Lund Named New County Supervisor

1960

Hilding Lund, Princeton businessman the past 3 years, was selected Thursday to fill a vacancy on the Scott County Board of Supervisors resulting from the death of William Goettsch, Davenport.

Lund, who operates Lund Implement Co. at Princeton, was chosen by a three-man committee of county officials to complete Goettsch's term running through Dec. 31, 1962.

Lund, who has been a Scott County Hospital trustee the past 10 years, was chosen by a committee of Clerk of District Court Elmer Jens, Auditor William Vos and Recorder Clarence Hagen.

The committee said it selected Lund after State Sen. Jack Schroeder of Davenport, county Republican chairman, cited an attorney general's ruling that not more than one representative may serve on the board from a township.

The group said it chose Lund unanimously and made the choice not only because he is from an unrepresented township but because he made a strong though unsuccessful showing in the last Republican primary.

The committee also received an application from Walter Henle of Davenport, another unsuccessful county board candidate in the primary. Additional persons were considered in Thursday's action the committee said.

Once, The Town Teemed With Them; Now, Only Three Are Left

Last Of The Rivermen At LeClaire

They would sit in little groups around a tray of sand or wood ashes this time of year, and with a pointed stick one would trace an imaginary trip he was taking through the Rock Island Rapids, or upstream to the Chippewa River logging country.

The others would nod approval of dissent, and then the stick would be passed to another who might draw the dangers of the shoals below Memphis, or the vagaries of the wing dam currents near Hannibal.

The time would have been the turn of the century; the place, the river town of LeClaire, Iowa. This was the period when LeClaire had more riverboat men as residents than any city its size in America. Many of these established permanent homes in the city; others, who were wanderers, wintered in LeClaire as the navigation season closed.

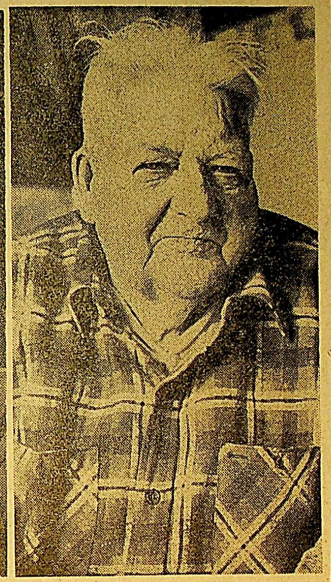
During the winter, the pilots whiled away the hours offering navigation tips to each other on the little trays of sand as they awaited the reopening of the "big river" in the spring.

While LeClaire once counted hundreds of rivermen as residents, today there are only three of them left. Here is their story.

By BILL WUNDRAM
Sunday Editor

JIM SUITER
From a long line of rapids pilots.

ROBERT MOORE
At 83, he still has a pilot's license.



LEE SUITER
"It was a wonderful life."

There is an old saying along the Mississippi River that steamboat men live as long as the wake left by the buckets of their boats. A "bucket" is another word for a paddle on the wheel, and the wake left by the churning buckets was always pretty long — which meant steamboat men live pretty long.

The last three steamboat men in LeClaire are living out that old saying.

Robert A. Moore, who has piloted just about everything from excursion boats to rafters, will be 83 in May.

Jim Suiter, pilot and master and descendant of a long line of rapids pilots, is 81.

Lee Suiter, a brother of Jim Suiter and who worked on "more boats than I can remember," is 76.

All have considerable in common besides longevity. They took to steamboating when they were boys, and haven't quite shaken that meandering old river out of their systems.

The boats upon which they have worked will stir memories among old-timers who can hark back to the river days of toll smoke stacks and deep-throated whistles. Remember the St. Paul and the old J.S., the Streckfus excursion boats? Raft boats like the Eclipse and the J.W. Van Sant, or the many packets on the Diamond Jo line? The Suiters and Moore worked these boats at one time or another.

With affection, they refer to all boats as "she" or "her" and understandably are saddened by the demise of steam on the river.

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"Everyone who didn't know the rapids was afraid of them. I learned them from my father, and a pilot pretty well got to know all the tricks. You'd get near a ledge of rocks, sight on a tree and hove to the starboard and then you'd get through. Such stuff as that was typical," says Suiter. "I remember one spot where you'd keep a government light on dead-set aim with a farmhouse on the Illinois side of the river. If you lost your aim, you'd maybe tear out your bottom."

Lost On Rapids

between Clinton and Buffalo, and a chief engineer's license for any navigable stream. Of alert mind and memory, the alert 83-year-old Moore is full of tales of the Mississippi and his eyes sparkle as he talks about them.

"One day we were sitting on the fence at recess when I heard a steamboat whistle. I was only 13 then, and I ran down the hill to look at the boat. She was the Ten Broeck, and the pilot, Walter Blair, yelled, 'boy, do you want a job?' Yes-siree I took that job, and I went from kitchen flunky to second engineer and chief engineer and finally I was chief engineer for the fleet of seven Van Sant boats."

He quit the Van Sants because he didn't get a raise from $90 to $100 a month and went to work for Joseph Streckfus at Rock Island.

Water Wagon

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In later years, Moore became a pilot and worked the big excur-

rafting crews often spent the night under its limbs waiting to run the rapids next morning. Its limbs were so sheltering that Walter Blair, the pilot-turned-author, wrote an entire chapter in his "Raft Pilot's Log" on the subject, "The Green Tree Hotel."

Suiter left the river as a young man and didn't return until 1928 when he hired on as a cub pilot on the LeClaire, a government workboat. Three years later he qualified for his pilot's license, and his boats helped build a network of wing dams up and down the river "out of willow bundles and stones."

He retired in 1943 after service as master and pilot of the Ellen, a big government steamboat with a crew of 23. Now he lives in LeClaire in a house once owned by another riverman, the late Henry Horton, an early engineer.

Last summer a son-in-law took Jim Suiter for a ride in a small boat.

"I got enough of that little boat in a hurry. I wanted something big under me," he smiles.

A Deckhand

Up the road from Jim Suiter lives his brother, Lee, who hired out as a deckhand on the steamer Eclipse when he was "about 13 or 14 years old."

"When I was a boy there was nothing to do at LeClaire except go on the river, unless you wanted to work at the quarry or on the farm," says Lee Suiter.

He sucked a cigarette and wandered back to the days on the raft boats.

"It was like being on a picnic. It wasn't hard work; it was a wonderful life," he reminisces. "A deckhand worked for $1 a day and board — and it was darned good board on the boats.

"I spent many a year on the river, and it was getting so I could wake up any morning, look out the boat, and tell exactly where I was."

Lee Suiter worked his river years as a deckhand and mechanic. Some times he thinks he made a mistake and should have taken up farming, or should have gone on and become a pilot.

"I could have made pilot; I knew enough of the river for the job," he says a little sadly.

Today, these three old river men in their twilight years are a rather lonely link with the exciting river days of yeaterday's LeClaire.

Not by coincidence, each one of them can see the "big river" from his home.

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Before the advent of the nine foot channel in the 1930s, the greatest rapids on the Mississippi River reached from LeClaire to Davenport.

Treacherous

Ordinarily pilots could not navigate the treacherous rapids; thus, at LeClaire or Davenport they turned the wheel over to special "sure shot" rapids pilots who knew every eddy, ledge and rock.

Most of the rapids pilots lived at LeClaire, and seven of them were members of the Suiter family.

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Many boats were lost on the rapids—so many in fact that certain chains of submerged rocks were named after boats lost upon them.

"Oh, yes, there was the J.K. Graves chain, and the Silas Wright chain. They were a couple of boats lost on the rapids," adds Moore.

Whenever the water was down to three feet, the boats couldn't run the rapids and tied up at LeClaire to wait for a rise.

Moore is one of the oldest licensed steamboat men on the Mississippi River. He still holds a pilot's license for the river

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In later years, Moore became a pilot and worked the big excursion boats on the Streckfus lines, and even the W.J. Quinlan ferryboat between Davenport and Rock Island. One of his last trips was a few years ago when he took the steamer Avalon from Rock Island on a run of the lower river excursion stops.

His licenses are still framed, and he carefully guards his blue pilot's cap which has a double gold braid to show he is both a pilot and an engineer.

"I may take a boat out again some day. A pilot never knows when he will be needed." he says proudly.

Jim Suiter is a riverman of many trades. He is a licensed undertaker, besides being a former pilot and a former master. The latter is an added distinction on the river, meaning the "top boss" on the boat.

Like the other three remaining rivermen at LeClaire, Jim Suiter does not look his 81 years.

"We've spent a lot of our lives outdoors. Maybe that good Mississippi River air has kept us young," Suiter chuckles.

Suiter chased over log rafts "since the day I learned to run." He first took work with his pilot father when he was 13 years old and his memories of the rafting days are especially vivid.

"The log rafts, tied together were a block long and hard to handle. They went to the mills at Davenport, Rock Island or Muscatine," he says.

"Green Tree"

In those years, the big "Green Tree" was a landmark of LeClaire for the rivermen, and the

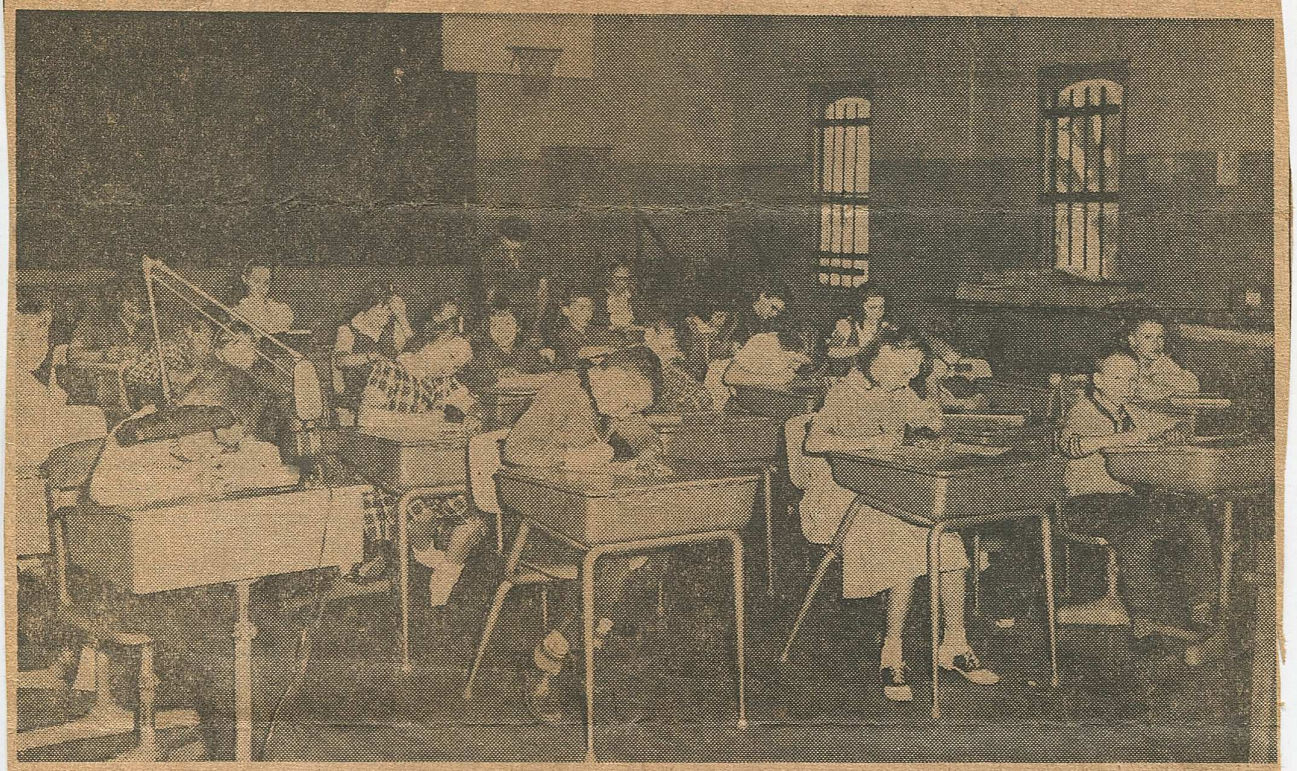
They Remember. . . .

The rivermen around LeClaire were colorful personalities, and two of the most famous were Sam VanSant and Diamond Jo Reynolds. VanSant ran a boatyard at LeClaire and owned a fleet of steamboats. Reynolds was the flamboyant owner of a line of packet boats. While not a resident of LeClaire, he spent considerable time in the town during the hey-day of the steamboat. Here is how Lee Suiter (a subject in the above story) remembers VanSant:

"I recall VanSant in a big hat, and always waving that big hat. You couldn't get a word in edgeways when he was around. He knew it all. I guess he really did, 'cause when he left LeClaire he became governor of Minnesota."

And this is the way Robert Moore (also in the story above) remembers Reynolds.

"Diamond Jo was a hard-working soul. Sometimes, you'd see him in work clothes, and I remember one of the last times I saw him he was fixing a lock on a cabin door and looked just like a deckhand. A little later I saw him all spruced up and it was really something. There he was, wearing a great big diamond stud in his shirt. I tell you that diamond was as big as the end of my finger."



This is the scene in the temporary classroom of the Princeton fifth grade. The class, which normally attends Maple Grove School, is now forced to meet in the Princeton Community hall because of an impassable county road. (Staff photo)

Muddy Road Shifts Pupils To Cold Hall

Wed Jan 27 1960

Education Under Handicaps

By GENE HIPPLER
Staff Writer

PRINCETON, Iowa — School for 35 fifth - grade pupils here is a cold, drafty, dimly - lit community hall which doubles as a gymnasium.

Normally, the children would attend the one - room Maple Grove school, three miles north of here. This is the school where fifth graders of the Princeton area in the North Scott School District are assigned.

But fall rains and winter snow have turned the two - mile stretch of county road leading to the school into an impassable sea of mud. So, since last October, Mrs. Mary Mess has been teaching her class in Princeton's Community Hall which occupies the floor over a grocery store.

Classes will continue to be held there until the road again is usable.

Mrs. Mess said a Monday following a particularly cold weekend is the worst part of the week. The building is usually not heated on weekend and the students return to a cold building on Monday. They keep on their coats until the building has become properly warmed.

The situation here was apparently brought about because the grading of the road wasn't begun until too late in the year and then had to be halted due to the weather.

April 23, 1960

MR. AND MRS. JOHN FLETCHER

John Fletcher was born in Princeton in 1880. He married Lillie E. Brown in Princeton on December 29, 1904. He was a farmer.

The Fletchers had a son Roy, and two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

April 27, 1960

HALT REPAIR WORK ON HIGHWAY NO. 67

Princeton, Iowa - Repair work on Highway 67 near here was stopped yesterday, when workmen were unable to hold their own against the swift-running Wapsi River.

A 40-foot section of the road was washed out on April 6 and the busy Davenport-Clinton road has been closed since that time.

More than a thousand truck loads of dirt and rock have been dumped in the river to close the gap and last Saturday only 12 feet remained to be closed.

However, a drag line broke down Saturday and all the efforts of the crews on the Scott County side of the river were washed away by the rising steam and by Sunday morning 15 feet had been lost on the Clinton side of the gap.

Lloyd Barber, state highway shops foreman from DeWitt, and Van Snyder, district engineer from Cedar Rapids, investigated the situation late Monday and decided to stop work until the river started to **drop.**

Road equipment from Clinton, Jackson, Cedar and Scott Counties has been used in the fight to plug up the gap. Eleven trucks, one bulldozer, two small tractors and two drag lines, operated by 18 men, have been in use on the job.

March 2, 1960

JOHN MCKNIGHTS TO MARK 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John McKnight will note their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house.

The former Mabel Speer and Mr. McKnight were married March 2, 1910 in Davenport with the late Rev. W. H. Blancke, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, officiating.

The couple farmed near Princeton until 1918 when they moved to an acreage at the edge of Princeton. On retiring last year the McKnights moved to their present home in Princeton.

April 26, 1960

WAPSIE FORCE STOPS ROUTE 67 REPAIR WORK

'Success Was 12 Feet Away' By Dale Kueter

Man's constant fight with the elements has developed into one of the best "bouts" in years on Highway 67 south of Clinton. Today, nature was ahead by a "knockdown."

Highway crews stopped work on a washed-out area of the road until the Wapsie river goes down and its swift current loses force. Workmen were within 12 feet of closing the wasout Saturday, when a machinery breakdown slowed them.

This was the most severe setback since April 4, when the Wapsie began a "sneak attack." The river, which meanders over 250 miles from its Minnesota source to the Mississippi, was on the rise but it was nothing new. Those who lived by the river were used to wading through water on their way to work or school. It wasn't even particularly unusual April 5 when the flooding river was lapping at the shoulders of Route 67 for two miles.

As the river continued to rise, and started flowing over a large area of the busy Clinton-to-Davenport road, observers began sensing trouble if the strong watery fists of the Wapsi continued to aggravate the sand roadbed of "soaked 67." Highway workers were on the scene aiding traffic through as much as a foot of water in places.

Then the rampaging river won round number one. It was pouring enough water over the highway that traffic was stopped and the road closed.

Through the early hours of April 6, the river, still rising, silently searched until it found the weakest spot in the road. The condemned area was about half-way between the main bridge and the overflow bridge.

By morning the Wapsie picked up several more "rounds" as highway crews watched a 40-foot section of the road head toward the Mississippi.

Since then state crews have been increasing their counter-punch daily in an attempt to win the battle and re-open the road to traffic.

Last week R. C. Boyd, maintenance engineer for the state at Ames said the highway would be open by April 23 if the weather cooperated. It rained and the river won another round.

Monday afternoon Barber said, "I wouldn't bet five cents either way on when it will be open."

Barber said workmen were "giving their Sunday punch on Saturday" and came within 12 feet of closing off the water and bring the road back together.

"Workers sort of formed teams and developed a contest among themselves," Barber said. One workman said "esprit de corps" was running high. "It was the Scott county side against the Clinton county side."

But Lady Luck was with the Wapsi. The Scott "team" suffered a severe blow when its drag-line broke down. Within the next hour the river carried downsteam all efforts of the Scott crew.

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Monday afternoon, a new system was started. Trucks began hauling rock from a quarry north of Folletts in an effort to build a stronger roadbed. This brought only moderate success as the swift current (15-20 miles per hour) handled the rocks like ping-pong balls.

Late yesterday, Barber said Van Snyder, distrit engineer from Cedar Rapids who investigated the situation decided that it was no use trying to battle the swift current, and to stop work until the river went down.

Some observers said the state should use bigger equipment in the repair job. "You can't use what they're using when you're fighting that kind of current," one person said.

Barbar explained that bigger equipment would not help much in such a small area. He said it would only tear up a good portion of the highway on both ends of the wash-out.

Another onlooker theorized that ordinarily, the river is high when there is frost in the ground or when the ground is hard enough to withstand the soaking. "This was going out. The sand roadbed and the shoulders were soft."

The observer said in other years the high Wapsie was offset by a high Mississippi. "The two pressures counteracted one another."

This year the Mississippi hardly rose at all (now 12.7 at Clinton), while the Wapsie was on its usual rampage. The observer said the Wapsie was much higher in 1951, but that the Mississippi was also higher then.

When will man renew his fight with the elements in repairing Route 67? Right now the Wapsie is way ahead. But eventually its powerful force will "play out" and man will walk out of the Wapsie "arena" weary, but victorious.

SHUTTLE SERVICE FORTY FEET SAVES EMPLOYES 94 MILES 4/28/60

If you had your choice of rowing a boat some 40 feet twice a day to save 94 miles of highway driving, we're sure you would take the boat.

That was the situation which confronted four of our employes who reside in Princeton, located about 13 miles south of the plant. (Dupont)

The recent flooding of Highway 67 south of the little town of Folletts was just too much for the roadway, a condition which is repeated each spring and about 40 feet of concrete paving sank out of sight. In order to reach the plant each day, our "oarsmen" had to drive south from their home to Bettendorf, west to Highway 61, north to DeWitt and aproach the plant on Highway 30, a round trip of 120 miles. Needless to say, this situation became quite old in a hurry so Charles "Darb" Schulz and Harold "Skin" Woomert transported an aluminum boat from Princeton north to the washout and the problem was solved.

Mrs. Woomert drives the group on Highway 67 to "the hole" and they transfer the boat, row 40 feet, tie it up and walk a short distance on the highway to a car driven by Juleen Barrows (Project) who completes their journey. The return trip is just the reverse.

"Skin" who works a shift, made the trip by himself several times while working the graveyard stint.

Temporary repairs across the break have, no doubt, been completed by press time but we doubt if these four employes regret the elimination of the boat ride twice a day.
(The highway washed out April 6th)

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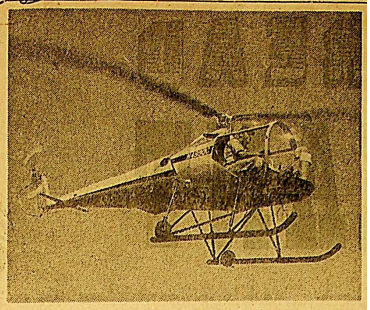

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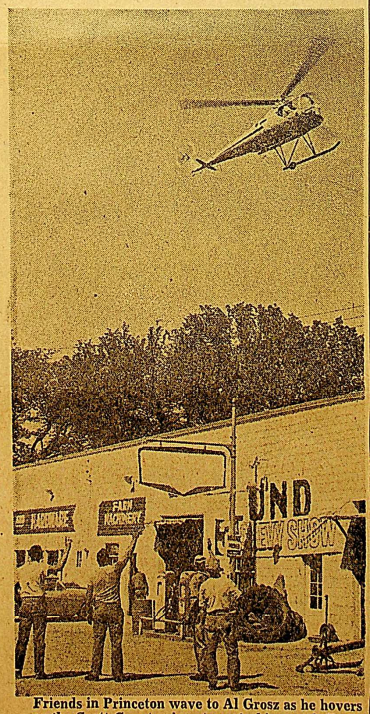

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Sat April 23 1960

THE CLINTON HERALD, Sa

Delay Opening Of Highway 67

Opening of Highway 67 south of Clinton, originally scheduled for this afternoon, will be indefinitely delayed, according to highway commission spokesman.

A sizeable section of the highway washed out by the Wapsie river April 6 remains to be repaired, it is explained.

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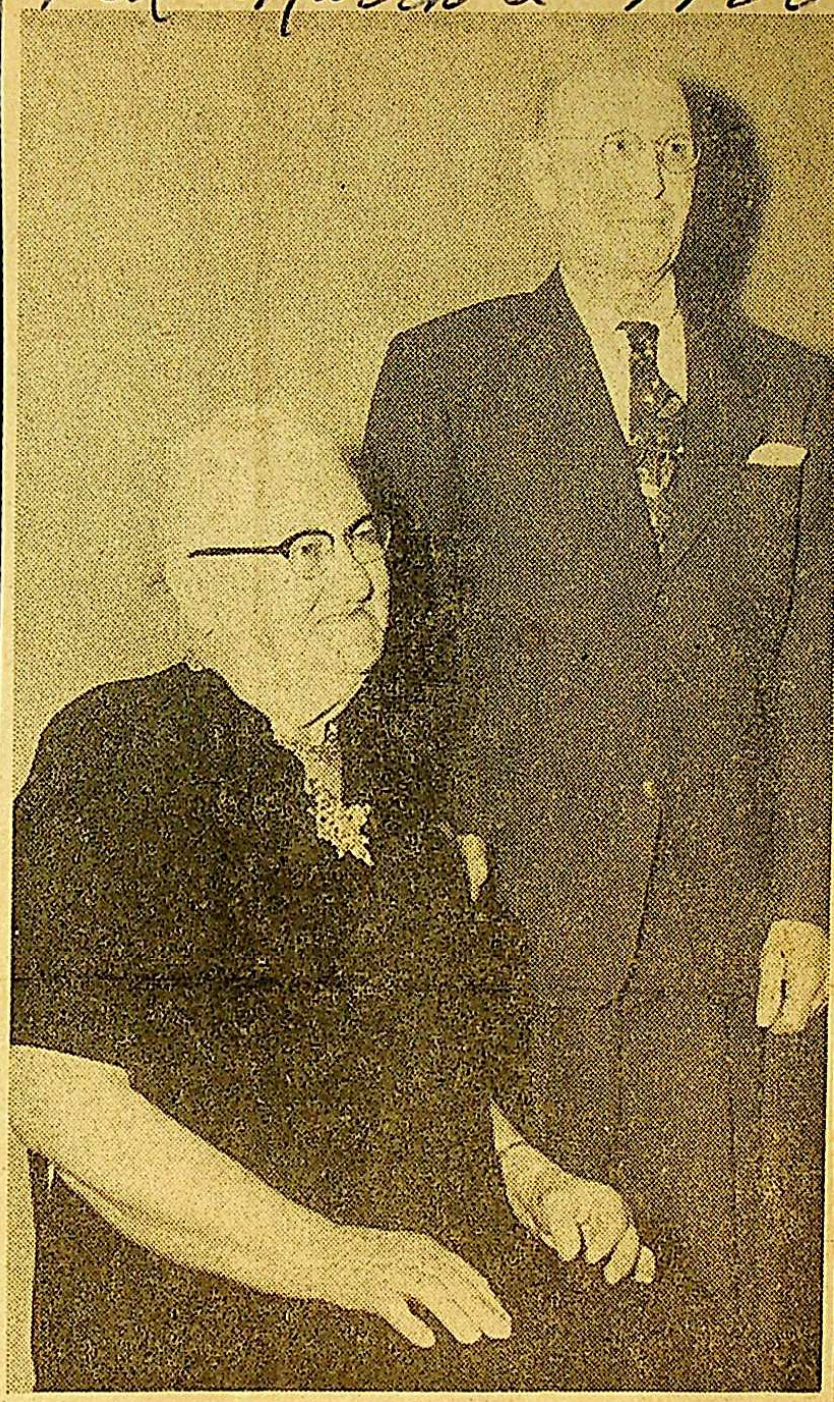


MR., MRS. JOHN MCKNIGHT

Celebrate 50th Date

Mr. and Mrs. John McKnight, Princeton, will note their 50th wedding anniversary Wednesday with an open house for friends and relatives from 2 to 5 p. m.

The former Mabel Speer and Mr. McKnight were married March 2, 1910 in Davenport with the late Rev. W. H. Blancke, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, officiating.

The couple farmed near Princeton until 1918 when they moved to an acreage at the edge of Princeton. On retiring last year the McKnights moved to their present home in Princeton.

THE DAILY TIMES
EASTERN IOWA NEWS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1960

This is the exterior of the new Princeton Telephone Co. The building is the most modern structure in Princeton. The wide pillar to the left of the entrance is of colorful, ceramic tile. (Staff photo)

January 27, 1960

This is the scene in the temporary classroom of the Princeton fifth grade. The class, which normally attends Maple Grove School, is now forced to meet in the Princeton Community hall because of an impassable county road. (Staff photo)

Muddy Road Shifts Pupils To Cold Hall

Education Under Handicaps

By GENE HIPPLER
Staff Writer

PRINCETON, Iowa — School for 35 fifth - grade pupils here is a cold, drafty, dimly - lit community hall which doubles as a gymnasium.

Normally, the children would attend the one - room Maple Grove school, three miles north of here. This is the school where fifth graders of the Princeton area in the North Scott School District are assigned.

But fall rains and winter snow have turned the two - mile stretch of county road leading to the school into an impassable sea of mud. So, since last October, Mrs. Mary Mess has been teaching her class in Princeton's Community Hall which occupies the floor over a grocery store.

Classes will continue to be held there until the road again is usable.

Mrs. Mess said a Monday following a particularly cold weekend is the worst part of the week. The building is usually not heated on weekend and the students return to a cold building on Monday. They keep on their coats until the building has become properly warmed.

The situation here was apparently brought about because the grading of the road wasn't begun until too late in the year and then had to be halted due to the weather.

Friday, December 2, 1960

Princeton Petitions For Survey

A petition asking that a sewer and water survey be made in Princeton will be presented to the Princeton city council at a meeting Tuesday by the Princeton Chamber of Commerce.

The petition, circulated by the chamber and said to be signed by 81 per cent of the town's property owners, asks that the council hire engineers for a survey to find the estimated cost and best way to finance a sanitary sewerage treatment system, a sewage treatment plant and a water system with an elevated tank.

A survey would also include maps of porposed sewer and water mains.

Applications for federal grants covering 30 per cent of the cost of building sewage treatment plants are being received by the State of Iowa until Dec. 30. The state processes these applications. Towns showing the most readiness and eagerness to participate in the federal allotment for 1960 are recommended by the state to receive the grants.

North Scott Has Largest Bus Fleet In State

April 15 1961

Elmer Joens, Rt. 1, Walcott, points to a painting of Yogi Bear which is used for identification by young students of North Scott School District. (Staff photo)

ELDRIDGE, Iowa — North Scott School District not only has the largest school bus fleet in the state, but also has the most unique method of keeping track of its passengers.

With 40 buses in the fleet, and each bus assigned riders, very few students have been lost in the shuffle. Each bus has an animal or a television cartoon character painted on them along with numbers.

Yogi Bear, Pixie and Dixie, Huckleberry Hound and Jinx the Cat are being used to help youngsters to identify the bus that will take them to and from school.

Charles W. Hahn, superintendent of the North Scott School District, said there were 40 one-classroom schools in the district in 1956 when he arrived at Eldridge. Hahn thought it would be better if the schools were consolidated and set out to get the job done. With the help of members of the school board he presented his case to the parents of the area.

The problem was to get the children of the area in classes with students of their own age and grade and to do away with the one-classroom buildings.

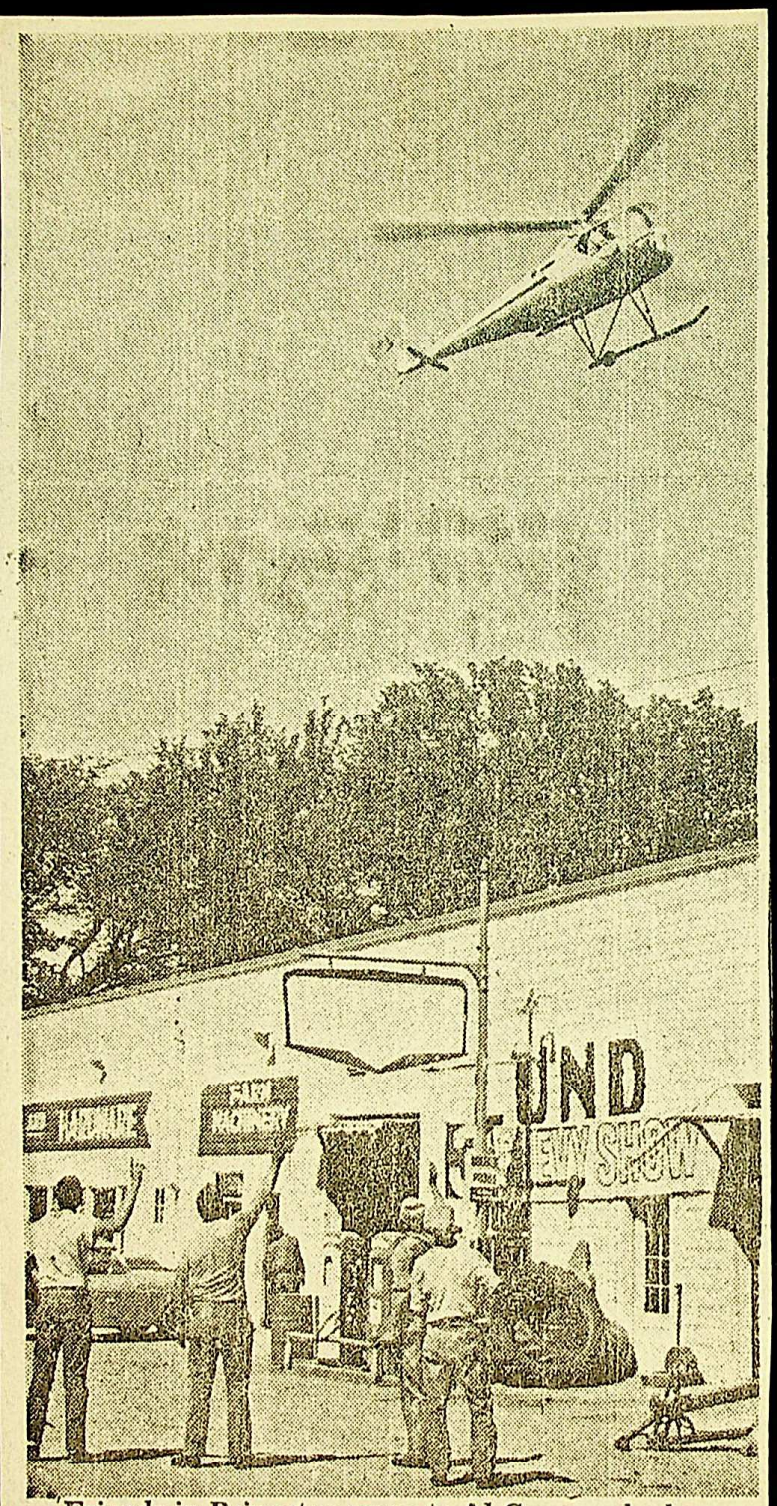
Hahn was told by many parents, "You can't do it, it won't work." But the plan was put into effect. Twenty-five buses were purchased in the school year of 1957-58 to augment the four already in use and the program was beginning to roll.

It took three or four months to get the bus fleet operating smoothly, but with the help of two newly acquired mechanics in 1958-59 things started to look up. Eldon and Walter Glunz, the two new mechanics made their contribution to the fleet by endless troubleshooting and maintenance. Seven more buses were purchased in 1958-59 and a garage was rented to facilitate repairs. Hahn said the cost of the bus fleet started to decrease.

Four additional buses were bought in the school year of 1960-61 which put the fleet up to its present strength.

Routes had to be set up to bring students from each of the four divided areas to Eldridge. High School students had to be shuffled to another bus for the trip to Eldridge. Some of the passengers came from 17 miles away from the centrally located school.

To lessen the chances of a lost student the drivers of the buses came to know each and every passenger. Drivers and students ride the same bus every day, Hahn said.



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Thursday, January 17, 1963
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Princeton, Iowa Council Proceedings

The Town Council of Princeton, Iowa, met in regular session with Mayor Suiter presiding. Present: Litscher, Woomert, Rhodes, McAllister, Long.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Treas. Report.

Iowa-Ill. Gas & Elec.	349.65
Farmers Savings Bank	37.50
State Comptroller	265.10
U.S. Treasury	6.00
White-Phillips Company	417,676.35
Paul L. Kernan	328.00
Balance On Hand	130,093.73

Moved by Litscher, seconded by McAllister that treasurer's report be acecpted as read. All yeas. M. C.

Bills read:

Smoke-Eater	25.00
White-Phillips Co.	6,000.00
White-Phillips Co.	4,950.00
White-Phillips Co.	1,500.00
Precision Equipment Co.	38.00
LeClaire Princeton Tel.	7.24
Bob Rhodes	10.00
Hirls Standard Service	23.15
Omar Printing & Sign Co.	22.80
Glen H. Suiter	20.00
A. C. Durr	35.00
D. F. Holst	3.00
Fillmore Bjorum	123.38
Standard Oil Co.	55.59
H. E. Lund Garage	412.93
J. W. Matlock	60.00
Princeton Lumber & Coal	4.44
Howard E. Cannon	57.06
Iowa-Ill. Gas & Elec	97.96
Willard Mahmens, Sr.	58.62
I.P.E.R.S	27.81
I.E.S.C.	57.82
Federal Engineering	728.55
Federal Engineering	760.00
Ideal Plb. & Htg.	34,634.58
Layne-Western Co.	5,840.64
Farmers Savings Bank	228,216.44

Moved by McAllister, seconded by Litscher that bills be paid. All yeas. M.C.

Resolution providing for the annexation of Howard Prather property to the Town of princeton pursuant to section 362.30 of the 1962 Code Of Iowa presented and moved we adopt by Long, seconded by Woomert. All yeas. M.C.

Agreement for easement with railroad for installation of water and sewer pipes read and approved.

Moved by Rhodes, seconded by Litscher that beer and cigarette permits be granted to Paul Kernan. All yeas. M.C.

Moved by Woomert, seconded by Rhodes that financial report be accepted. All yeas. M.C.

Colors for water tower to be blue with gold.

Moved by Long, seconded by McAllister that funds be set up for water and sewer revenue sinking funds. All yeas. M.C.

Moved by McAllister, seconded by Long that budgeted amounts be spent for year 1963. All yeas. M.C.

Moved by McAllister, seconded by Litscher we adjourn. M.C.

Jo Anne S. Hamilton,
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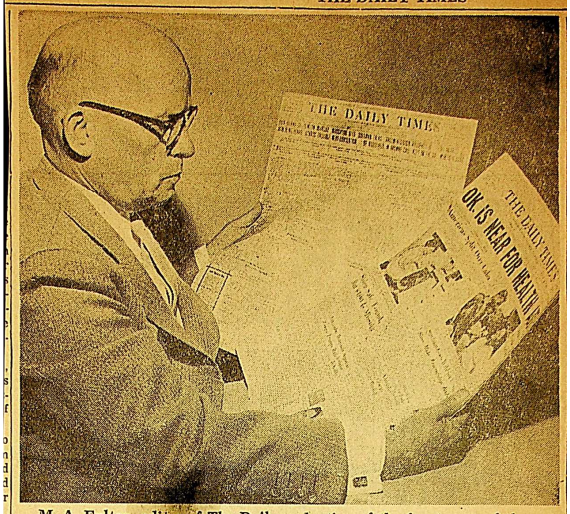

M. A. Fulton, editor of The Daily Times, observes his 50th anniversary with the paper by comparing today's first edition with a reproduction of the front page of the paper the day he joined The Times in 1910. (Staff Photo)

AFTER HALF A CENTURY—

Editor Is 'Scooped!'

M. A. Fulton, the man who has quite possibly been "on top" of as many stories as any news man in the country, today was finally caught "off base!"

The editor of The Daily Times found himself the central figure of a story he didn't know was breaking until he was asked to copyread it — this one, a summary of his 50 years with The Times.

Fulton thought only a few intimates were aware of the fact that he'd joined The Times staff a half-century ago this week.

But this afternoon, newspaper executives, his own news staff, former co-workers, state and city officials, and a host of friends, as well as members of his family, began gathering at Hotel Blackhawk to do him honor, the result of secret conniving that has been going on for weeks.

50 YEARS AGO

Fifty years ago today President Taft was urging "conservatism" in Midwest talks, Teddy Roosevelt was threatening to run again in 1912, and "Merv" Fulton, son of Dr. Samuel R. and Ida E. Fulton, descendants of pioneer stock, was dabbling with type at the office of the weekly Princeton newspaper.

Blessed with an extraordinary memory, and an avid student of history, he decided that he wanted to make journalism his life's work and he joined the staff of The Times.

"CALLOW YOUTH"

"A callow youth," the opposition hastened to dub him, when as a "cub" he started to cover the railroad depots.

The scoops that followed as Fulton took over city hall, the police beat, and every imaginable assignment, including baseball, in the booming cities of Davenport, Rock Island, Moline and East Moline, caused his rivals to make an agonizing reappraisal.

His managing editor, the late James E. Hardman, brought the energetic newsman into the office as his right-hand desk man.

Fulton's progress through the other posts of the newspaper was rapid. He served as Illinois editor, Rock Island and Moline editor, telegraph editor, and news editor before assuming the post he now holds, editor, on June 3, 1951.

MARCH OF HISTORY

History blazed during the more than 25 years he served as news editor under Managing Editor Ralph Leysen and his was the responsibility for handling most of the stories that told of the search for "normalcy," the Jazz Age, the Great Depression, and the New Deal.

His greatest test came when World War II exploded and he found himself editing the dramatic events that sparked so many "extras."

In the days of World War I Fulton had taken a leave of absence from The Times to serve two years in the Army. He went to France with the rank of regimental sergeant major in the 59th Field Artillery Brigade.

WIDELY PRAISED

His familiarity with the world scene and his voracious reading habits aided him in presenting the World War II story to the point where The Times editions for the war years became widely praised.

He was struck down by illness after the conflict ended. E. P. Adler, late publisher of the newspaper, in a warm message to his aide, told him he considered him a casualty of the war just as much as a wounded soldier.

After a long convalescence Fulton bounced back into active participation in the management of the newspaper.

NEW WAYS

"Fult" saw some of the most impressive transitions of newspaper mechanics in the history of the industry. The old Morse telegraph transmission of the news gave way to the teletype; where once there were mail deliveries of matrix pictures, now there is Wirephoto. He helped pioneer these methods. Modern techniques, including The Times' operation of its own photo - engraving facilities, implemented the handling and illustration of the news with the speed and dramatic presentation which his concept of a newspaper demanded.

For 32 years "Fult" lived in LeClaire. He took a leading part in all of the community affairs, served on the school board for 20 years, most of the time as president, and served two terms on the city council.

ACTIVE IN CHURCH

Active in church affairs, he was superintendent of a Sunday School in LeClaire and a church elder. He is a member of the Masonic order, and was at one time master of Snow Lodge of LeClaire. He is also a member of Zarephath Consistory of Davenport.

The Fultons reside at 2634 Arlington Ave., Davenport. They have a daughter, Mrs. Wendell Porter, residing in Rockford, Ill., and a son, John Fulton, Riverdale, a member of the advertising staff of Davenport Newspapers. They also have four grandchildren.

A leader in the Scott County organization of the Republican Party, Mr. Fulton's advice is constantly sought by party leaders who have implicit confidence in his judgment and integrity.

COUNSELOR

His wide knowledge of civic affairs and his aggressive belief in democracy have brought to his office countless national and state political figures for advice and consultation.

Many of the reporters he has trained have gone on to important metropolitan newspapers, others have become successful executives in advertising or public relations bureaus.

Fulton is one of the few edi-

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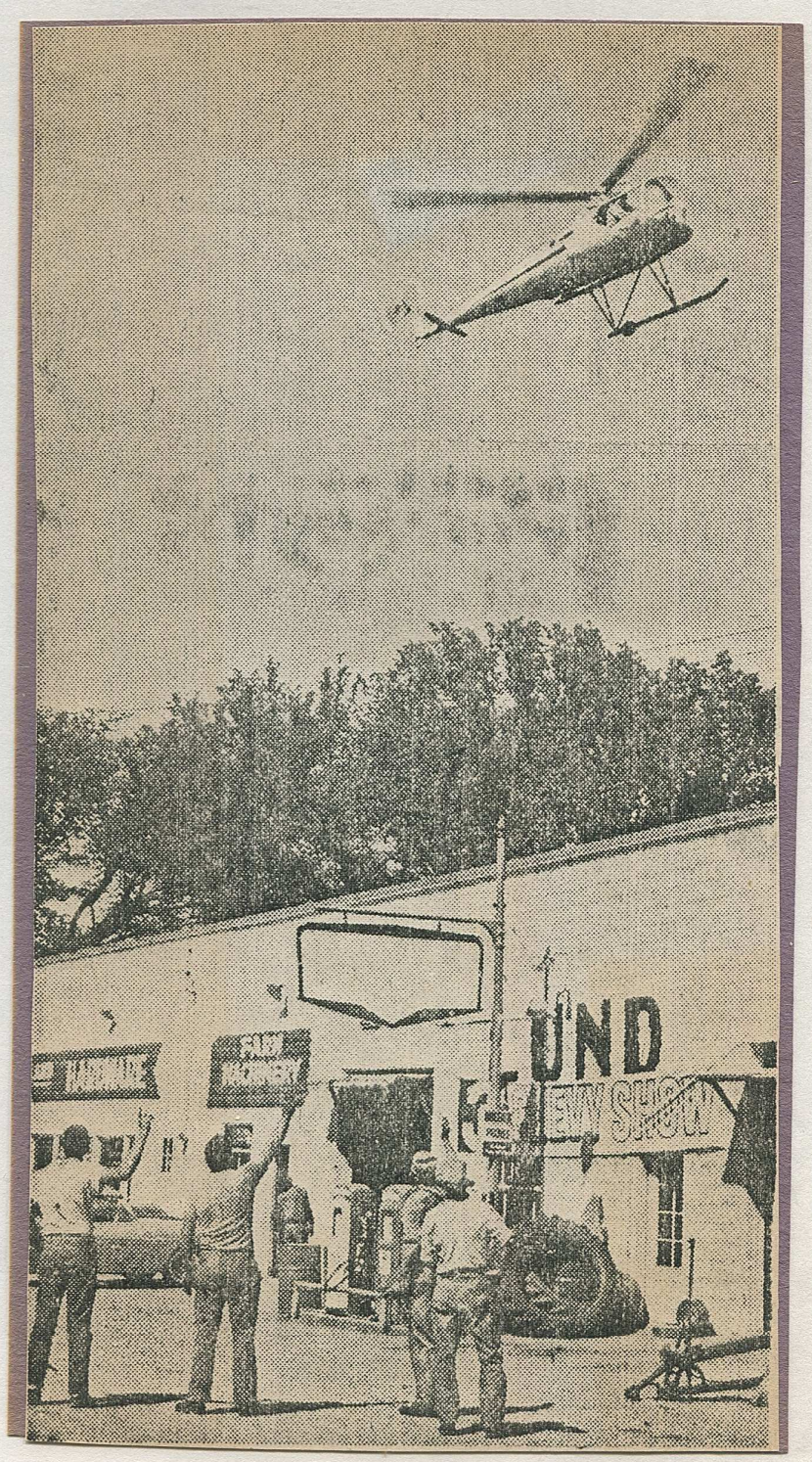

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(Times artical-Staff Photo)

January 29, 1961

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April 14, 1961

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM J. RIESTROFFER

The former Lillie Holst was born in Scott County in 1897. She was married to William J. Riestroffer in Davenport in January, 1919. He died in November of 1947. The couple had been engaged in farming for many years.

Their children are Elva L., and sons, Kenneth W., and Herbert W. Riestroffer.

May 4, 1961

MR. AND MRS. ZACH G. SUITER

Marie Sophia Holst was born in Butler Township, Scott County, July 23, 1894. She was a graduate of a two-year course at Iowa State College, Ames. She married Zach G. Suiter in Davenport, September 18, 1919. Mr. Suiter was president of the Farmers Savings Bank, Princeton, until the time of his death in September, 1948.

Mrs. Suiter was a director of the bank.

Mrs. Suiter had been a member of the Red Cross Gray Lady Service at St. Luke's Hospital, her total number of hours contributed to the Gray Ladies setting a record of 852 hours.

She was a past noble grand of Echo Rebekah Lodge, Princeton, and a member of the Past Noble Grand Club. Mrs. Suiter had been past matron of Silver Creek chapter, Order of Eastern Star of LeClaire. She was a member of the Princeton Presbyterian Church, and was amember of the Church Workers.

Their children are Mrs. William J. (Lois) O'Malley and Glen H. Suiter executive vice president of the Farmers Savings Bank. They have four grandchildren.

March 25, 1962

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD PEITSCHER OBSERVE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The former Lena Kroeger and Mr. Edward Peitscher were married March 25, 1902 and resided in Moline for two years. They then moved to Princeton where Mr. Peitscher engaged in business "from A to Z." He first purchased a lumber yard, grain, coal and ice establishments and then entered the grocery business.

He recalls 32 years in the later as being pleasant and easy while operating along - side two other independent grocers.

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Couldn't Stop It

Perhaps this was to cover up for an obvious flaw in the mechanism. He couldn't shut it off.

An old timer of the day later said:

"Aaron didn't want the people to know he couldn't stop it, so he kept on sawing until dark when the wind quit."

In due time, Aaron fashioned a mechanism to disengage the power apparatus. He also fixed a governor to the outift.

Now that the folly was a fact, word of the apparatus spread around the country.

An engineer from the east was said to have called upon Aaron one day. He offered $15,000 for the machinery and full rights to patent it.

"No," stomped Aaron. "It's worth $50,000 if it's worth a dollar."

That golden opportunity never again presented itself. In due time, variatons were developed on the Lancaster idea by others and it was not long until the windmill as we know it today came into being.

Lancaster used the outfit for years. It ground his grain, pumped his water, sawed his wood and sawed off his fingers.

One day, he was careless while cutting wood and the saw blade snipped off a finger. Several months later, a neighbor passed by and asked how he lost his finger.

"Like this," answered Aaron, swinging his arm out and into the path of the whirling blade. And he lost another finger.

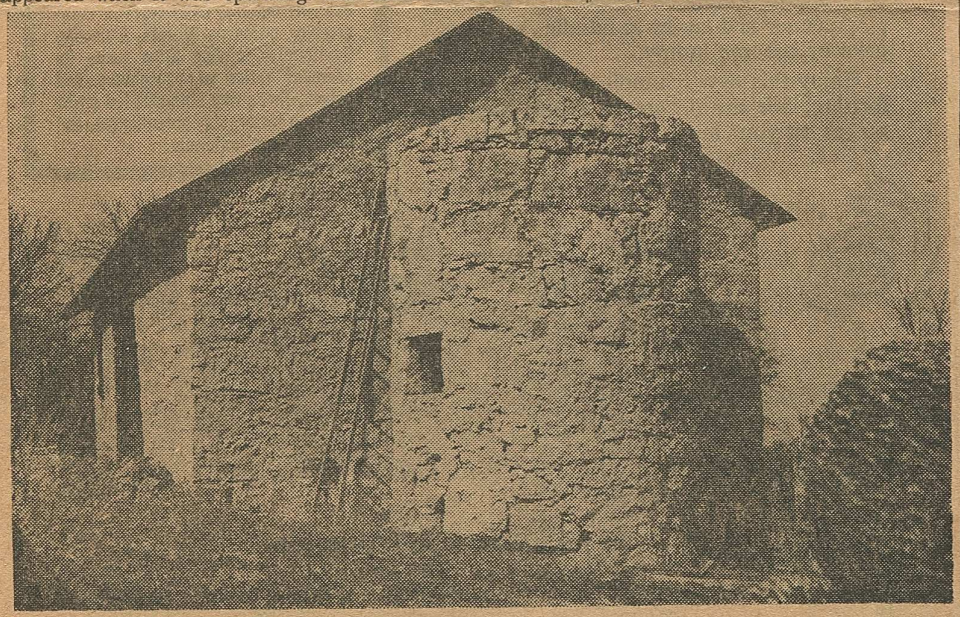
No Mechanism Left

The present owner, Durr, found no mechanism in the old building, or tower, except for a lot of bolts imbedded in the stone to apparently anchor some of the machinery.

"I'm not much for tearing things down. I'd like to fix it up the way it used to be," says Durr. Durr bought the big building (it's 82 by 40 feet) and 15 acres of land not long ago.

He would appreciate hearing from anyone who has a photo or a sketch of the old apparatus in its hey-day. For awhile he thought the place had been built by L. S. Kidder because that is the name engraved into the stone by the tower.

"Now, I wonder who was Kidder?" he asks.



The exterior of Aaron Lancaster's old mill at Princeton. A machine shop is now located inside. Moving slats atop the round tower once powered machinery. (Staff photo)

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Princeton Keeps Its Community Center

By H. G. KRUWELL

In 1928 a building, originally planned for three stories, stood unfinished on Princeton's River Drive a source of worry to many people in the community. What was to become of this building, and why couldn't it be completed and turned to use for the community?

That question was answered in a concrete form when a group of public spirited Princeton citizens got together, formed the Community Building Co. and took over the unfinished structure.

First officers of the company were Herman Kroeger, president, A. H. Schmalz, vice president, Z. G. Suiter, secretary and William Mess, treasurer.

The building was purchased with stock bought by more than 50 stockholders amounting to more than $6,000, according to early records.

A contract was awarded in the amount of $5,897 to Daniel Harring Co., of Clinton, to complete the building. It was made into a two-story building with two store rooms on the ground floor and a large auditorium on the second.

Costs

Wiring of the completed building cost $123.50; two furnaces $700, plumbing and applicances $450, cementing the basement and building partitions $425 and curtains for auditorium $105. The building was insured for $6,000.

The grand opening of the completed building was a gala event of Nov. 22, 1928. More than 600 people attended the dinner marking the event. For this dinner 100 chickens, six bushels of potatoes, 48 cans of peas, about $2 in baked beans, seven 2 - quart jars of pickles, 14 glasses of jelly, 80 dozen buns, two dozen heads of cabbage, seven quarts of salad dressing, 10 pounds of coffee, seven gallons of cream, 35 pounds of butter and 100 pies were served. Mrs. H. Kroeger was chairman for the dinner and wives of the directors helped.

At the first annual meeting of the company on Jan. 22, 1929, it was revealed that the company had spent $10,999.95 in purchasing and completing the building and there was a cash balance of $121.-63 on hand.

Henry Boll rented the hall starting June 13, 1929 to show motion pictures at a flat rate of $10 per night. This continued for some time, records show.

The school board of Princeton used the building in 1937 for 25 weeks for the sum of $200 flat. The board used the hall also for plays and practices and for two 40-minute periods each week for 25 weeks for physical training.

In January 1963, H. W. Boll made an offer to the company officers to purchase all outstanding stock and this has been done.

Now the Community Building Co. which did a real service for the community of Princeton, has gone from the scene, but the result of fine community cooperation still remains. The store is the center of community life and the hall is still used for meetings of various sorts.

By Harold Kruwell

This is the building that community cooperation provided for Princeton in 1928 after it had stood unfinished for some time. It is now owned and operated by H. W. Boll for his department store and the upstairs auditorium.

Work To Protect Road From Wapsi Fri April 6 1962

Arthur (Bud) Burke, (left), and Lloyd Barber, district maintenance superintendent for the Iowa Highway Commission, both of DeWitt, were among the crew placing rock on shoulders of Highway 67 southwest of Clinton as floodwaters of the Wapsipinicon River threatened Friday to wash out the road. (Staff photo)

Wapsi Flood Threatening Highway 67

CLINTON, Iowa — Floodwater of the Wapsipinicon River was six inches deep on Highway 67 southwest of here late Friday afternoon as the river crested earlier in the day at 11.76 feet.

Highway crews were working to keep the road from being washed out and were dumping rock along the shoulders in an effort to protect them.

Traffic was slowed to a snail's pace, but was not halted. Although the road was under water for approximately a mile, the Wapsi bridge and its approaches were high and dry.

Part of the road was washed out the last time the river went on a rampage and it was not restored to pre-flood condition for several months.

Lloyd Barber of DeWitt, highway commission district maintenance superintendent, said he believes the road can be kept from washing out this time.

The river was reported to be a mile wide Friday in most of its course between Scott and Clinton Counties, but only low-lying farmland was under water and there were no families evacuated.

Reports from upstream indicated the river was receding rapidly and it was believed the flood threat will diminish unless there is more rain.

Edward Peitscher's Note 60th Vow Date

Sun March 25 1962

PRINCETON, Iowa — Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peitscher, Princeton, observed their 60th wedding anniversary March 25.

The couple were honored at a family dinner held in the home of Harry McConnell. Members of Echo Rebekah Lodge, of which Mrs. Peitscher has been an active member for nearly 50 years, assisted.

The former Lena Kroeger and Mr. Peitscher were married March 25, 1902. The couple have three children, Mrs. Harry (Ethel) McConnell, Mrs. Allen (Elma) Elliott, both of Princeton, and Mrs. Charles (Elda Marie) Morgan, LeClaire. There are five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The couple previously lived in Moline and were engaged in the grocery business for 32 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peitscher, Princeton, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

PRINCETON Mon Jan 15

Logging Mishap Kills Ex-Area Man 1962

Dick Dannatt 26, of Holbrook, Ariz., a former resident of Princeton, was killed Monday in a logging accident in Snowflake, Ariz., where he had been working with the Southwest Industries Co.

He is survived by his wife, the former Nadene Brand, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Dannatt, Princeton.

The body will arrive at the McGinnis Funeral Home, Bettendorf, Friday morning.

Mon Jan 15

Ex-Princeton Resident Dies In Waterloo 1962

Miss Erna Louise Holdorf, 46, of Waterloo, a former resident of Princeton, was found dead in her home Monday.

Blackhawk County Medical Examiner, Dr. Paul O'Keefe, said an autopsy revealed death was due to a massive cerebral hemorrhage.

Born in Clinton County, Miss Holdorf had resided on a farm with her parents, near Princeton, prior to moving to Waterloo. She was a 1940 graduate of the State University of Iowa.

Miss Holdorf had been teaching in the Waterloo Junior High School for the last three years.

She is survived by a brother, Leonard J., Princeton; and two sisters, Mrs. J. W. (Clarice) Slemmons, Jefferson City, Mo. and Mrs. Herbert (Celeste) Peitscher of Princeton. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holdorf, two brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Thursday in the McGinnis Chapel, Bettendorf. Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p. m. Wednesday.

Jan 18 1962

U. S. Studies River Town

LeClaire A National Shrine?

Residents of LeClaire, Iowa, were puzzled last week by the appearance of a stranger who wandered up and down their streets, taking measurements, looking at old homes and business houses, and staring at the river.

The visitor was Ray H. Mattison, an historian for the National Park Service.

He was in LeClaire on a survey to determine whether or not the old river town had possibilities of preserving it as a national shrine of America.

The town had been suggested for survey by several historical-minded Davenporters. Mattison said he was also encouraged to visit LeClaire because of several feature stories which had appeared in the Sunday Times-Democrat in the past year. The stories had been sent to the National Park Service.

"I'm really not in a position to say anything definite, but I did find LeClaire to be a very interesting town," he said.

He pointed out, however, that if the town were judged to be worthy of preserving, there would be no money forthcoming from the National Park Service.

"Financing would have to come from a civic group. The group would have to defray all bills, from acquisition of properties, to restoration, to monuments, etc. The Park Service would not be in any position to spend money for such a project. Our interest would be purely in an advisory capacity," Mattison emphasized. "We maintain only national parks and monuments."

The Park Service historian estimated that a big-scale project at LeClaire would cost "very, very much money." In conversations with residents of the city last week, he said he obtained little encouragement that any civic body or group of citizens would be willing to tackle such an undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peitscher

Partners for 60 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peitscher of Princeton will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at parties this Saturday evening and Sunday noon.

Members of the Rebekah Lodge and their families will honor the Peitschers at a party this evening in the home of a daughter of the honorees, Mrs. Allen Elliott. Mrs. Peitscher has been a Rebekah for 49 years.

A Peitscher family dinner will be served Sunday noon in the home of another daughter, Mrs. Harry McConnell.

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Mrs. Beuse Gets Princeton Post

Mrs. Anna V. Beuse, 49, of Princeton, Iowa, has been appointed acting postmaster of the Princeton Post Office.

She replaced her husband George who resigned.

The mother of two married daughters, Mrs. Beuse has lived in Princeton 16 years. She was born and reared in Davenport and lived here with her husband before their move to Princeton.

Mrs. Beuse is a sister-in-law of the late Walter Beuse who was a postmaster in Davenport.

Erected In 1866, It's Still In Use

Princeton School Built To Stay

By STAFF WRITER

PRINCETON, Iowa — An irregular black spot on an old plat of Princeton Township marks the spot where early settlers erected their first permanent schoolhouse in 1866.

And it was permanent.

Ninety-six years later youngsters are diagramming space flights on blackboards where their grandfathers chalked up arithmetic sums.

The spacious old stone building looks much as it did in its early days. The outline of the building was altered slightly about 14 years ago with the addition of two rooms for toilet facilities.

The solid stone exterior has been patched up a bit, but it still retains the flavor of an era when rock quarried nearby was chiseled into rough shapes and mortared into walls which have withstood threats of the elements.

First A Log Cabin

The completion of the large and substantial building was the cause of celebration in the growing settlement, incorporated just nine years before.

Gradeschoolers had attended their first classes in 1846 in a drafty log cabin. Soon after, they moved to a converted barn where weekday school sessions gave way on Sundays to church services. In 1852 a handful of residents put up $375 — and "extravagant" amount — to build a 25x35 foot school.

Snowballing enrollment and consolidation forced the new independent district to a hall on Front Street then years later.

County history shows that it was after a great deal of dissention that the district patrons finally agreed on a location for a new school. In 1966 a contract was given to a firm called Walker and Pattersen to build a $4,500 structure at the corner of Third and Clay streets.

Curving Staircases

Upper grade pupils made their way up to the second - floor classes on curving staircases leading from double doors on either side of the entry. Each of the four rooms was lighted naturally by windows on three sides. Giant stoves provided heat.

Miss Isaphena Pollock, 86, remembers the times those stoves faltered on cold days, when the janitor could not keep up with the stoking. "By and large, it was pretty comfortable though" she recalls, reminiscing on her teaching days in the early 1900s.

Steam heat has solved that problem for current teachers. Even on the coldest, windswept days students are warmed by pipes running around the room.

Roof Repaired

A few other changes have taken place. The roof was repaired this fall — the first time anyone can remember work being done on it. Bees, almost traditional with Princeton schoolgoers, were dislodged from the eaves and their nests filled in.

A stage in one room, once used for debates and programs and as a cloakroom, has been torn out. Metal supports have been installed to hold up the ancient ceilings.

Some replastering has been necessary through the years, and fluorescent lights replace the old lanterns. Calcimine that used to rub off on ginghams and calicoes has been painted over with pastel colored paint.

If a few disadvantages exist, they're overlooked. Mrs. Johanna her charges to wear rubber-heeled shoes to soften the echo of footsteps through the tin-ceiled room below.

Spacious And Comfortable

"I can't say I'd want to move," Mrs. Fawcett says. "The rooms are more spacious and comfortable than a lot of classrooms in new buildings."

While time has touched the building but little, progress will probably make a mark on it soon.

The original bell of the 96-year-old Princeton schoolhouse still warns stragglers that they've little time to make it before the tardy bell. The solid old building has been the education center for four generations. (Staff photo)

March 1st — An Important Day for the Enyearts

Things happen for Russell and Evonda Enyeart on March 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Enyeart were married March 1, 1942, on March 1, 1946 they undertook the job of providing telephone service in the LeClaire and Princeton communities. On March 1, 1961 they moved into a new business office in Princeton, and on this March 1st the Enyearts will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Also on this March 1st, Mr. and Mrs. Enyeart have, after considerable thought, decided to merge their telephone company with the United Telephone Company of Iowa. Mr. Enyeart feels that it is a healthy thing to become a part of the United family. Their capabilities and experience are sincerely promised to assist our community in the direction we need to go.

The Enyearts will continue to make their home in Princeton. Mr. Enyeart will continue in a management position for the company to direct the completion of long range service improvement plans made prior to the merger. Some of the service improvements scheduled are, 4 party rural, one and two party service in LeClaire and Princeton. Studies on the feasibility of extended area service to Davenport will also be continued.

The United Telephone Company of Iowa is a subsidiary of the United Utilities Inc., 3rd largest telephone company in the United States, and operates 50 telephone exchanges in Iowa. The LeClaire and Princeton exchanges will increase the number of United of Iowa exchanges to 52. There are over 54,000 telephones served by these exchanges. The parent company, United Utilities Inc., own 19 telephone companies in 19 states, a supply company, and equipment manufacturing company, a power company, and a cable television company. The general offices of the United Telephone Company of Iowa are located at Newton, Iowa.

January 1962

Interesting Facts About Princeton

Pinnacle Point and Elizabeth City would mean little to present Princeton residents, unless they are descendents of early settlers or students of local history. Nevertheless, it was by these names that the present town was designated until Princeton was incorporated in January 1857.

Records indicate that Giles Pinneo was the original settler of Princeton Township. Today, that family name continues in the area in the person of George Pinneo, a grandson of the late pioneer. DeWitt Bragonier (LeClaire) is another third generation of a pioneer family. His grandfather, Jacob Bragonier, settled in Princeton (then Elizabeth City) in 1854. John Knox, later a doctor, was the first white child born on the site of the present town.

The town name of Elizabeth City did not give way easily. In fact it was so designated on maps from 1845 until 1860—even though Princeton was incorporated three years earlier. There could be speculation about a controversy in changing the name of the town, but on the other hand it might well have been a huge task for the mapmaker to change the name, a century past.

The three R's were taught and learned in a brick school house which was built in 1852 at a cost of $375.00—a huge sum at that time. The building served until 1864, at which time a consolidation of schools (not specified) occurred and classes were held on two floors of a hall on Front Street. In 1868 the present school building was constructed at a cost of $4,500.

Although the first church was not organized in the town until 1854, a church had been erected at Lost Grove a year earlier by a group of Methodists. Several years later the Presbyterians built their first church in Princeton. Erecting a new church in Princeton in 1858, the Methodists sold their Lost Grove building to the Lutherans (To account for the establishment of the Catholic parish in Princeton it may be noted that their church was aquired from the disbanded Methodist Congregation in 1924. The Lutherans built in town in 1898.)

As was the aspiration of most Mississippi River town dwellers to enlarge into a thriving river metropolis, no less were the dreams and hopes of the builders of Princeton. By March 1859, the town's population totaled 1,000 inhabitants. A late 1850's inventory of professional, trades and business people included: 15 carpenters, 6 blacksmiths, 4 shoemakers, 2 tailors, 1 tinker, 7 stores, 1 drug store, 2 public houses, 1 livery stable, 2 steam sawmills, two steam grist mills, 1 steam planing mill, 2 carriage shops, 4 blacksmith shops, 1 lawyer and a doctor. Meeting the spiritual and educational needs of the town were 2 churches, 2 public schools and 2 private schools.

The town's greatest early commercial growth took place in 1858, although in the following years several additional enterprises were added to the list of commercial establishments. (Included in the inventory.) A steam planing mill, complete with the latest improved machinery, was erected and produced sash, doors and blinds to add much to the employment and commercial benefits of the community. Two dry goods stores were erected, one being described as " a large 3-story building". However, the enterprising merchant did not live to open his huge business. The second store did open and by engaging a competent assistant expanded to include a tin shop.

Rapid growth and hopes for future expansion were coupled with plans of a river-rail transfer point for a westward railroad. The rail line did not materialize and, with a lessening in river traffic, the general decline set in. A north-south railroad was built through Princeton in 1900, but being competitive with the water route it did not fulfill the anticipation of a westward route. A second railroad, the electrified I & I has since come and gone.

Although accurate records are not available, it is believed that the first telephone exchange in Princeton came into being about 1900. Today the service is vastly improved from its early beginning—in fact recent years have brought many modern improvements. Operated in conjunction with the service in LeClaire, the two exchanges serve 895 telephones.

May 22, 1962

HONOR LUND FOR ROLE IN SAVING HOGS

The "Order of Porker with corn-stalk cluster" was awarded Friday to Scott County Supervisor Hilding E. Lund by his colleagues at the courthouse for his part in saving about 200 hogs from a blazing barn.

The "award" depicts a picture of a large hog under crossed cornstalks. Last Tuesday night Lund was driving past the Richard Kuehl farm near Argo when he noticed a large grain barn blazing.

Still wearing a new suit he had worn to an Izaak Walton League dinner, Lund, accompanied by a companion, stopped his car and rushed into the flaming barn. He managed to herd about 200 of the frightened animals to safety. Only four in another part of the barn died.

"By the time I got done splashing around out there in the mud my suit was a mess. When I got home my wife took one look and wouldn't let me in the house until I'd changed," Lund said.

Lund resides in Princeton where he operates an implement business.

April 18, 1962

AREA HOUSEBOAT GOES 'INLAND,' SAYS OWNER

The river houseboat has gone inland.

At least this is true in Princeton - LeClaire area where the houseboat was common on the Mississippi until recent years.

One long time resident of the area, who saw the coming and going of the houseboat is Charles Carr.

"It is true that you still see this type of home," says Carr, "but the houseboat in the true sense no longer exist here in this area.

"Sure, residents still reside in them like myself but in the cases here all the structures have been pulled up on shore and now rest on pontoons."

Summer Use

Carr claims that the few houseboats evident in the Princeton vicinity are only put to use during the warm months and are used for pleasure by the owners.

The veteran Princeton resident blames the disappearance on the severe winter weather and ice jams that at times threaten to destroy the homes.

"I can recall when the houseboat was used for fishing trips up and down the Mississippi," stated Carr. "I can remember when my wife and I would take trips in our houseboat to Hannibal, Mo., then up to Subula."

July 24, 1962

MRS. ANDREW SCHMALZ (1905-1962)

Mrs. Schmalz was born in Butler township. The former ALvena M. Holst was married to Mr. Schmalz there in Feb. 1905. He died in 1943.

Mrs. Schmalz was a life-resident of the area, and was actice in community work. She was well known for her work in the Farm Bureau.

The Schmalz's have a son, Wesley C., of Princeton; and tow daughters, Mrs. Claude (Clover) Arney, of Clinton and Mrs. Gus (Alverta) Mettepenningen, of Davenport; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

July 16, 1962

PRINCETON PLANS FIRST TOWN PARK

Funds for the development of Princeton's first community park are provided for in a #34,981 budget which has been approved by the town council.

A public hearing on the budget which officals said will call for no increase in the levy will be held August 6 at 8 p. m. in the town hall.

The budget is up $4,067 from that set for the current year.

Mrs. Ronald Hamilton, town clerk, said the budget includes $7,000 for park and recreational purposes.

She said this will provide for development of a park on a 12-acre site near Fifth and Chestnut Streets which the city has under option.

September 26, 1962

GEORGE PINNEO, DESCENDANT OF PRINCETON PIONEERS (1874-1962)

George Madison Pinneo was the son of Charles Pinneo, a pioneer settler of the Princeton community. George Pinneo was born in 1874.

His grandfather, Mathias, built the first cabin in Clinton county.

In 1927, Mr. Pinneo married Laura Hanks Sparlin, a decendent of Abraham Lincoln.

Until his retirement a number of years ago, he was a telegrapher for the Milwaukee Railroad.

Mr. Pinneo was a charter member of the Morse Telegraph Club of America, Inc.

He was a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and past president of Scott County Old Settlers Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Birney on their wedding day.

Birneys Will Note 50th Wedding Date

PRINCETON, Iowa — Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Birney, Princeton, will observe their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 18. 1962

The couple will be honored at an open house to be held from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 15 in IOOF Lodge Rooms, Princeton.

The former Lillian Fletcher and Mr. Birney were married in the home of the bride's parents.

They are the parents of four daughters, Mrs. Louis (Zella) Erling and Mrs. Russell (Vi) Spinsby, both of LeClaire, and Mrs. Howard (Millie) Lively and Mrs. Melvin (Edna) Dodds, both of Princeton. There are eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The couple have farmed in the Princeton area since their marriage.

Tear Gas Routs Garage Burglars

Filed Jan 10 1962

Burglars apparently made a hasty retreat from the H. E. Lund Sales & Service Co. building at Princeton early today after touching off a tear gas capsule while attempting to open one of two large safes.

Sheriff's deputies said the burglars failed in attempts to batter open the two safes with tools owned by the auto and implement sales firm and apparently took nothing of value from the building.

Lund, the operator of the business, said damage to the two safes is expected to run between $200 and $300.

Deputies said they found evidence that the burglars, after getting a dose of tear gas from a capsule in a 3,700 - pound safe, attempted to clear the air of the fumes by breaking out several windows in the building.

The burglars ransacked the building, including the basement area, leaving tools and office papers scattered about the floor.

The entry was discovered about 7:45 a.m. by Marvin Guthhardt, an employe. Entrance was gained by battering open a northwest door.

CLOSING OUT SALE

Sat., Jan. 4, 1964 **Sale Time 12:30**

Having sold our farm we will hold a complete closing out sale on the farm located 2 miles north of Princeton, Iowa and 1 mile east of Hiway 67 or one mile off Highway 67.

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One horse open sleigh (cutter).

1954 Ford ¾ Ton Truck, low mileage, like new.

FURNITURE

18 ft. Amana upright food freezer, piano and bench, secretary, kitchen set, table and chairs, dresser, large room mirror, Kenmore washing machine, antique walnut bureau or dresser with marble top and mirror, ironing board, curtain stretchers, quilting frame, curtain rods, 2 burner Perfection oil stove, 2 ovens, Teeterbabe, kitchen stool, two beds with springs, picnic table and benches, electric train and track and numerous other articles.

Livestock

21 fall pigs.

Grain

3000 bu. corn, 1000 bu. oats, 525 bales straw.

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The Birneys, 50 years later.

Erected In 1866, It's Still In Use

Princeton School Built To Stay

By STAFF WRITER

PRINCETON, Iowa — An irregular black spot on an old plat of Princeton Township marks the spot where early settlers erected their first permanent schoolhouse in 1866.

And it was permanent.

Ninety-six years later youngsters are diagramming space flights on blackboards where their grandfathers chalked up arithmetic sums.

The spacious old stone building looks much as it did in its early days. The outline of the building was altered slightly about 14 years ago with the addition of two rooms for toilet facilities.

The solid stone exterior has been patched up a bit, but it still retains the flavor of an era when rock quarried nearby was chiseled into rough shapes and mortared into walls which have withstood threats of the elements.

First A Log Cabin

The completion of the large and substantial building was the cause of celebration in the growing settlement, incorporated just nine years before.

Gradeschoolers had attended their first classes in 1846 in a drafty log cabin. Soon after, they moved to a converted barn where weekday school sessions gave way on Sundays to church services. In 1852 a handful of residents put up $375 — and "extravagant" amount — to build a 25x35 foot school.

Snowballing enrollment and consolidation forced the new independent district to a hall on Front Street then years later.

County history shows that it was after a great deal of dissention that the district patrons finally agreed on a location for a new school. In 1966 a contract was given to a firm called Walker and Pattersen to build a $4,500 structure at the corner of Third and Clay streets.

Curving Staircases

Upper grade pupils made their way up to the second - floor classes on curving staircases leading from double doors on either side of the entry. Each of the four rooms was lighted naturally by windows on three sides. Giant stoves provided heat.

Miss Isaphena Pollock, 86, remembers the times those stoves faltered on cold days, when the janitor could not keep up with the stoking. "By and large, it was pretty comfortable though" she recalls, reminiscing on her teaching days in the early 1900s.

Steam heat has solved that problem for current teachers. Even on the coldest, windswept days students are warmed by pipes running around the room.

Roof Repaired

A few other changes have taken place. The roof was repaired this fall — the first time anyone can remember work being done on it. Bees, almost traditional with Princeton schoolgoers, were dislodged from the eaves and their nests filled in.

A stage in one room, once used for debates and programs and as a cloakroom, has been torn out. Metal supports have been installed to hold up the ancient ceilings.

Some replastering has been necessary through the years, and fluorescent lights replace the old lanterns. Calcimine that used to rub off on ginghams and calicoes has been painted over with pastel colored paint.

If a few disadvantages exist, they're overlooked. Mrs. Johanna Fawcett, head teacher, encourages her charges to wear rubber-heeled shoes to soften the echo of footsteps through the tin-ceiled room below.

Spacious And Comfortable

"I can't say I'd want to move," Mrs. Fawcett says. "The rooms are more spacious and comfortable than a lot of classrooms in new buildings."

While time has touched the building but little, progress will probably make a mark on it soon.

The original bell of the 96-year-old Princeton schoolhouse still warns stragglers that they've little time to make it before the tardy bell. The solid old building has been the education center for four generations. (Staff photo)

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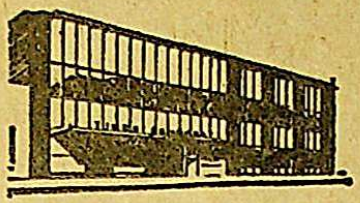

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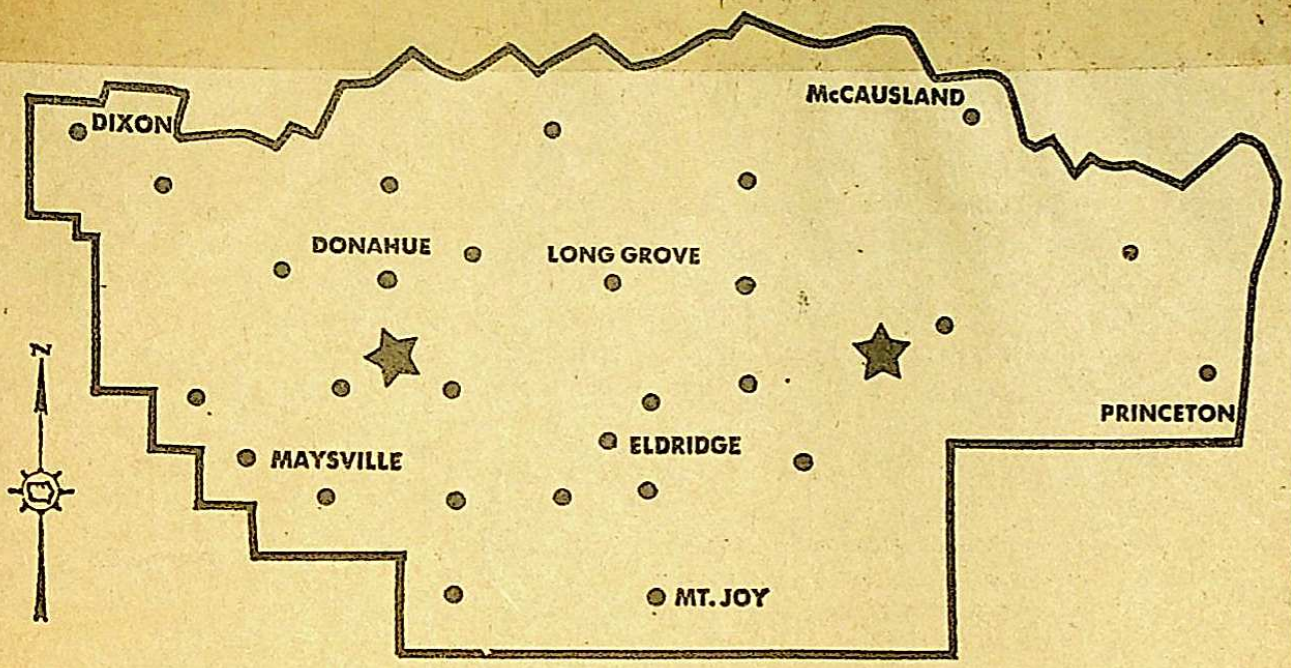

The map shows the North Scott School District stretching across Scott County and running from the Wapsi River in the north to near points of Interstate Highway 80 in the south. The dots represent the present 28 elementary schools in use in the district. The stars show possible locations for two proposed new elementary schools to replace the 28 existing structures — most of which are one-room, one-grade units. The North Scott school board has proposed a $500,000 bond issue to finance the two new structures.

Scatter 28 Schools Over 210 Sq. Miles....

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EDITOR'S NOTE: When you're spreading your students out over 210 square miles, you're bound to have problems and a lot of expenses. That's the situation faced by the North Scott School District in Scott County. Here's a report on what school board members propose to do about it all.

By JUDIE ROMEO
Of Our Staff

The North Scott School District is unique among school districts in the Midwest.

It emcompasses an extremely wide area, stretching 210 square miles from Dixon and Plainview at the western edge of Scott County across the county to Princeton at the eastern border.

In depth, it embraces Scott County from its northern border—(the Wapsi River area) south to the northern limits of Davenport Community School District.

Its student population is composed mainly of the children of rural families. Slightly more than 1,000 children are enrolled in its elementary schools alone.

Unique too are the schools — 28 of them — located mostly in the western and middle sections of the district.

Only five of the schools are more than one-room, one-grade, one-teacher arrangements. Second, even third, generations have attended the same schools. The average age of the buildings is about 75 years.

The only modern building in the entire district is the million-dollar high school, built in the 1950s. It was the first major bond issue in the then young district.

A complex transportation system brings elementary pupils to school. A fleet of 39 buses shuttles students to pickup points for one school or another. A child from the western half of the district may attend first grade in the southern part of the district and then go to second grade in the eastern sector.

The elementary student population has remained almost static for the past five years. An increase of only nine pupils has been recorded since the fall of 1958.

On the surface. North Scott has the problems any school district faces — how to increase its salary schedule, what subjects should be taught and what methods should be used, how to recruit competent teachers. The list is much similar to what Davenport or Bettendorf or Riverdale face.

Administration Problem

But there is an even deeper problem — one which has only one solution.

The problem is administration of the elementary schools. The solution is centralization of the 28 schools into two buildings.

North Scott elementary administrator is Joseph Cassidy. Officially, he is director of elementary education.

But can one man be in 28 places at once?

The answer is obviously an emphatic "NO!"

This was the problem members of the North Scott Board of Education faced last November. To reassure themselves that they had chosen the correct answer, they asked an expert, Dr. Robert Isenberg, director of the rural education department of the National Education Association.

Dr. Isenberg toured the district, studied the problem and came up with the same answer as the board — build new schools.

This was not a snap decision, but carefully thought out with some solid reasons in mind to improve the education situation.

First was the elementary curriculum. Needless (and expensive) duplication would result if the district was to provide complete science, art and physical education facilities for each of the 28 one-grade schools.

To provide adequate facilities, but void of frills, would necessitate a "bunching" of schools. But how many?

Need Two Schools

The board and Dr. Isenberg replied, "two schools, one centrally located in the western half of the district and one centrally located in the eastern half of the district, and each to house 600 pupils."

Word leaked out of the sites being considered. One was south of Donahue for the western site; one was in Butler Township, halfway between Eldridge-Long Grove and Princeton.

The cry then was for three schools, with the third to be located at the extreme eastern border of the district.

And the board was then almost right back where it had started. The $500,000 proposed for the bond issue would not cover three schools.

Early in December, the board reaffirmed its decision — TWO schools.

And then the question of cost. The board estimates the two schools can be built for a total of $500,000 including site costs.

The $1.1 million bond issue which financed the high school is being paid off at the rate of 5.5 mills of tax money per year.

Iowa law sets a school bonding limit of seven mills per year, meaning that until the high school bonds are paid off, the elementary bonds would be handled at 1.5 mills per year. Tentatively, an election is planned for February.

High Maintenance Costs

Proponents of the plan to create two schools from the 28 point to the high costs of maintaining all of the schools. They say that:

Maintenance of the 28 schools now in use runs to more than $52,000 per year. It takes $8,393 per year to heat the 28 schools which have a total floor space of 27,000 square feet.

It is cheaper, according to school officials, to heat the high school, which has a floor space of 83,000 square feet.

Lights, telephone service and miscellaneous items including insurance, water, etc., come to almost $10,000 and labor for repair and maintenance work costs more than $26,000 each year.

In addition to the 28 schools in use, nine others, not used at the present, must be maintained, insured and kept clean. Attacks by vandals keep maintenance costs high.

A large part of the total maintenance cost would be cut down or eliminated with the two new schools. Two furnaces instead of 28 heating units, two buildings to clean instead of 28, two offices for teacher supervision instead of one man trying to be 28 places at once — all would add up to dollar savings, curriculum improvement and administrative efficiency board members say.

And then there is a last, and probably most important feature educationally. A better equipped physical plant attracts better, more competent teachers.

The North Scott teacher salary schedule is not high. It is adequate overall,, but the fact remains that, compared to salary schedules in Iowa and throughout the Midwest, North Scott is below the median even compared with districts of similar size.

NS Will Decide School Bond Issue Wednesday

Members of the North Scott School Board are expected to reach a decision Wednesday afternoon on the exact plan to be followed in pressing for a bond issue of near $500,000 to finance an elementary school construction program.

Charles Hahn, district superintendent, said the board may consider construction of one new elementary building to replace the district's "antique" system of 28 one and two-room schoolhouses scattered throughout the area.

Preference

Hahn said a citizens' group, meeting Monday night, expressed preference for one centrally - located building at a poll taken during the evening.

The superintendent said the plan as explained by the architect would offer a building of 35 classrooms and which would cost about $495,000. He said this plan was favored by 67 of the 150 attending the session.

Architect Douglas Robison outlined three other alternative possibilities as follows:

1. Two buildings of 18 classrooms each to cost about $505,000. This proposal received 12 votes.
2. Three buildings with a total of 40 classrooms and costing about $598,000. Thirty-four citizens expressed themselves in favor of this plan.
3. Two new buildings plus a four - room addition to the Princeton School which would offer 32 new classrooms and a total of 36 classrooms and which would cost about $478,000. Five citizens favored this plan.

The architect explained that the proposal for three buildings is beyond the district's present bonding capacity.

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By Harold Kruwell

Workmen are shown installing water mains on Third Street in Princeton. Sewer work is practically completed in the town.

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JAMES SUITER
What's Cheapest Way?

WALTER ANDERSON
Thinking It Over

JOHN R. SUITER
Princeton Wants School

KENNETH ADAMS
An Important Point

Argue Unit Costs

Princeton Wants School In North Scott Setup

By JOHN DICKINS
Of Our Staff

Harlan Rohlk, North Scott School Board president, used homey, farming terms at a Princeton meeting Monday night to explain to an audience of 100 the financial ramifications of four sites vs. one or two sites for new elementary school for the district.

Mike Suiter of Princeton claimed that if the school board built one large central school — even if it were two halves joined like Siamese twins — it would be more expensive to add to it when eventually the need for more classrooms arose.

Doug Robison, school board architect, said: "No, it would be cheaper to build six rooms, for instance, all onto one school."

"I don't see that," said Suiter. "Surely it's cheaper to add to several schools."

Rohlk drew smiles from his audience when he explained to Suiter: "It's like building hog barns, don't you see? It's cheaper to build six hog barns on one farm than to build one on each of six farms."

The Princeton meeting was one of a series being conducted by the North Scott School Board to feel out public opinion on how the district should replace its 28 antique elementary schoolhouses, mostly one-room buildings.

Suggestions on which the board is asking taxpayers to express their preferences include one twin pair of schools on one site, two separate sites or three separate schools.

Princeton residents strongly favor the three-school plan, or possibly four schools, and one of these in Princeton.

Mayor John Suiter said: "When the North Scott School Board was formed six years ago, we were assured in Princeton that we would have an elementary school of our own here. I know the reorganization of the school board would not have been passed if we hadn't been promised that."

Suiter noted that Princeton, after Davenport and Bettendorf,

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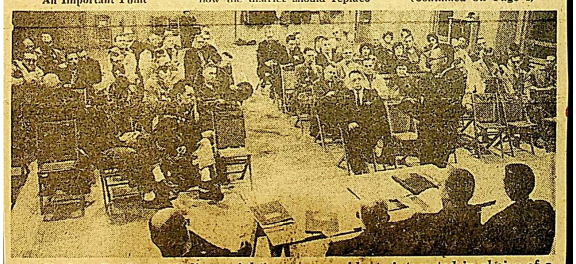

Harlan Rohlk (standing, right), area residents interested in choice of a president of the North Scott School Board, speaks to a group of Princeton site or sites for new school facilities in the district. (Staff photo)

PRINCETON—
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is the largest town in the county.

Princeton Wants School

"We are the fastest growing community, too," he added. "This is the obvious place to build the school."

J. Byles said: "When we wanted to patch up our old elementary school here last year, we were told not to spend too much because we would get a new school soon. What has happened in the past year?"

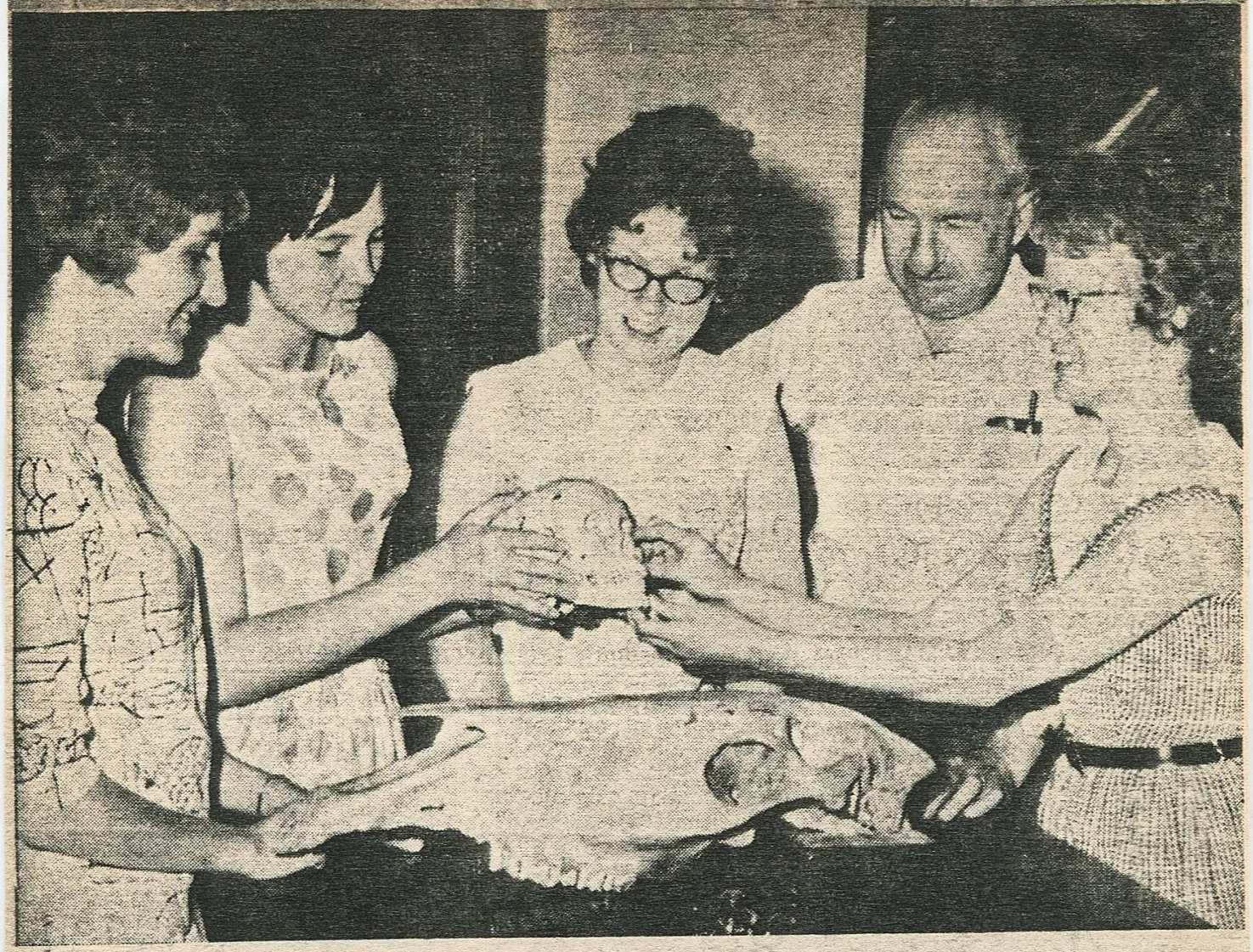
Ben Shaw asked: "What would happen if you had a tragedy like a fire in a school out in the middle of the county as the school board seems to want? It's much better to have a school in town where children will have protection and get help if something happens."

Mrs. Robert Carter declared: "Already some of my family have to take the bus every day to junior and high schools at Eldridge. I would hate to think that the one I have now in kindergarten will have to spend his whole school career traveling by bus to school every day."

Dave McLaughlin said: "If you are counting only dollars, the obvious plan is one central school at Eldridge, but that would not be politically feasible."

Architect Robison added: "I would say the best thing is to have two schools to get the most square footage for your money. You could get three schools — and it may be that for political reasons you will have to. We can build schools like that but we would rather not for your sake."

Hamstringing the school board's desire to build three schools is a limit of $500,000 on bond indebtedness. Three schools would cost more than the limit.



FOUR JUNIOR AND SENIOR high school girls, including two from Fort Madison, are shown getting a quick lesson in comparative anatomy from DePauw University zoology department head Dr. Albert E. Reynolds. (They are holding a human skull; on the table is the skull of a horse.) The girls are attending the Junior Engineers' and Scientists' Summer Institute at DePauw. The two-week program is designed to give the students a sampling of science and engineering courses, including architecture, botany-bacteriology, chemistry, engineering, geology, home economics, mathematics, medical services, physics, and zoology. Left to right are Mary Lee Ort, 725 Avenue E., and Carol Simpson, 937 Avenue C, and Weeneja Enyeart and Margaret Volrath, both of Princeton.

February 4, 1963

PILOT OF CRASHED HELICOPTER BELIEVES HE HAS "SEVEN LIVES"

By Keith Prescott

Al Grosz, 46-year-old Princeton auto dealer and a veteran pilot, today considered himself in the catrgory of one with "seven lives left" after escaping "without a scratch" from his second aircraft accident in 17 years of flying.

Grosz' $21,000 three-place helicopter clipped a telephone wire as the veteran pilot was taking off from a field one mile west of McCausland Monday afternoon which caused the craft to crash.

But Grosz and a passenger Reuben Anderson, a McCausland tavern operator, walked away from the wreckage of the almost completely demolished 'copter' without injury.

The accident, however, has temporarily "grounded" Grosz, for the veteran pilot said his plane was not insured.

Grosz estimates his lost at between $17,000 and $18,000. He said he may be able to realize about $2,000 in selling pieces of the aircraft for salvage.

1949 CRASH

Grosz, who has been flying since 1946, escaped from a somewhat similiar aircraft accident in 1949 without injury.

In the earlier accident, Grosz was using a light passenger plane and was taking off from a field near Princeton at night, when the craft plowed into a fence. Three passengers in the plane also escaped injury.

INVESTIGATION

Civil Aeronautics Authority investigators from Des Moines and Omaha were scheduled to confer with Grosz today concerning the McCausland crash.

Grosz recalled that the accident "happened so fast" that he and Anderson had little time to fear for their lives at the time.

"SCREAMS"

But Grosz and Anderson screamed once or twice as the plane crashed into the ground.

He explained that while the plane plunged only about 20 feet into the ground after striking the wires, Anderson was in the right front, or passenger section of the plane which received most of the impact from the fall.

Grosz emphasized that the accident will definitely not spoil his love for flying.

December 25, 1962

WILLIAM H. ROGERS (1890-1962)

William Rogers was a native of Pleasant Valley. He served as postmaster at Princeton for nine years. He had been a member of the Social Welfare Board for 15 years and was named chairman of the board in 1960 to succeed the late Ben Comenitz.

Mr. Rogers was appointed a member of the Scott County Board of Supervisors in 1948 to succeed the late Hugo Sierk. He was elected to a three-year term on the county board in 1950, and continued to serve the county until 1953.

Rogers was the justice of the peace in Princeton for many years and formerly was a salesman for the Peterson Paper Co.

He was active in the former annual "State of Scott" celebration, and was rural chairman for the event in 1957.

In 1945, Rogers gained a great deal of publicity when he offered a strip of Princeton land he owned for use by the United Nations.

Mr. Rogers, who was a member of the Princeton School Board for a number of years, married Beatrice Spangler in February, 1920, in Davenport.

February 5, 1963

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT AULIFF NOTES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Auliff , Princeton, Iowa, will note their golden wedding anniversary, February 5.

A family dinner will be servrd at the Hotel Blackhawk, Davenport, and a family gathering will be held in the home of their daughter, Mrs. James Lively, LeClaire.

The former Ival Fletcher and Mr. Auliff were married Feb. 5th, 1913, in the home of the bride's parents. They are the parents of two children; Alvin L, LeClaire, and Mrs. Lively. There are three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Auliff was engaged in farming before retiring to Princeton.

Mayors Win Reelection in 10 Scott Towns

Newly elected officials of 16 rural Scott County communities laid plans today for Jan. 2 council reorganization meetings in the wake of Tuesday elections which saw record or near-record votes in some areas.

Winning candidates for rural town offices will be seated for two or four-year terms, as the cases may be, during the reorganization meetings.

Vote canvasses will be conducted during regular council sessions scheduled this month and in December.

Buffalo

Buffalo Mayor Jens Madsen was renamed for a fifth two-year term of office without opposition. A total of 41 ballots were cast, which officials reported as normal for a "no contest" election.

Four incumbent councilmen were reelected, including Sullivan Mosier, William Hutchison, George Rasoner and George Roop. Wilford Jens was elected to a council seat as a new candidate. Treasurer Joss Vance was named for a new term without opposition.

Donahue

In Donahue, Mayor Albert Karstens and the five present councilmen were renamed for new terms without opposition.

Aldermen returned to office were Harland Rohlk, Eugene Wuestenberg, James Cronkleton, Erwin Keppy and Walter Fahrenkrop. Treasurer Mrs. James Schroeder also was returned to office. A total of 41 ballots was cast in the write-in election.

Panorama Park

In Panorama Park, residents were in almost perfect agreement in re-electing Mayor Dan L. Grapengeter, who received 33 votes and the five incumbent councilmen who each received 35 votes.

A total of 36 votes was cast with one spoiled ballot.

Serving with Mayor Grapengeter for the next two years will be councilmen Harry Newton,

Mohr Horrigan

Edwin Lohf, Gerald Meye, Herbert Hicks and Robert Longley.

Maysville

In Maysville, voters reelected Mayor Fred Bradley to a third term. He was unopposed.

Councilmen J. Orville Grell, Chester Wampfler, Edward Johannsen and John Carlin also were returned to office without opposition R. J. Engler was elected to his first term on the council.

Treasurer Allen Fischer was reelected without opposition.

Walcott

In Walcott, Mayor Harvey Bluedorn was renamed to a fifth term over write-in candidate Walter Dietz by a vote of 101 to 49. All of the incumbent aldermen were reelected to new terms.

Named to four-year council terms were incumbents Robert Neibuhr, 125 votes; Vernon Sissel, 142, and David Proksch, 128. Two-year terms went to incumbents Elmer Hopphan and Donald Mordhorst. A new candidate, Darrell Dietz, lost his bid for a council seat with 54 votes.

Treasurer Kenneth Dietz was reelected with 146 votes, and Gary Ruwe was named park commissioner with 149 votes. Both had no opposition.

Long Grove

Residents of Long Grove supported new terms for Mayor Charles H. Loussaert and three council members.

Incumbent councilmen reelected were Clarence Hansen, Fred Jansen and Robert Beert. Also elected to the council were Richard Schneider and Ardel Oster.

Mrs. James Nagle was elected treasurer over Mrs. Marie Oster by a vote of 40 to 24.

Durant

Durant voters reelected Mayor L. G. "Bud" Fischer to a new two-year term. He defeated Elmer Langmann by a vote of 375 to 121.

A new record of votes, 510, was cast.

Elected to council terms from a field of 11 candidates were Gene Compton, with 334 votes; Arthur Petersen, 316; Herbert Johannsen, 287; Dale Ovesen, 286, and Clyde W. Garvin, 230 votes.

Other council candidates were George Hass, 116 votes; Evonne Jennett, 216; Leonard Leese, incumbent, 162; Carl Miller, 228; Ernest Otto, 145, and Herbert Otto, incumbent, 144.

Town Treasurer Leonard Dittmer was reelected without opposition. He received 121 votes.

Dixon

Joe Flynn, a retired feed mill operator and a veteran councilman, was named mayor of Dixon. He defeated George Moeller, a write-in candidate by a vote of 58 to 14.

Four councilmen were reelected, including Don Reedy, Edward Hanke, Melvin Peckenschneider and Lester Sievers. Leslie Paustian was named a councilman as a new candidate. Oscar Bohmann was elected treasurer without opposition.

McCausland

In McCausland, Wilbur Lewis, a present member of the council, was elected mayor without opposition. He received 12 votes.

Four councilmen were renamed for new terms, including Hugo Rashe and Clement Anderson Jr., for four-year terms, and Hans Hansen and Leonard Litcher, for two-year terms. A newcomer, Ray Baumbach, was elected to a two-year council term.

Plainview

Plainview voters gave the nod to Jack Rogers for mayor over

Grapengeter Porter

Alvin Koester. Rogers polled 10 votes, with Koester receiving 9.

Two husband-and-wife teams were eelcted to the town council, including Art Woolison and his wife, Shirley, and incumbent Ralph Koberg and his wife, Frances. Incumbent Harold Hummel was reelected for the fifth seat.

Treasurer Albert Puck gathered 17 votes to defeat Henry Jacobsen, who received two votes.

Camanche Vote

CAMANCHE — Lewis E. Westgate beat Robert W. Weber 357 to 123 for mayor Tuesday in the heaviest election ever recorded in Camanche.

In the six-way race for five council seats, three incumbents were re-elected. Incumbents renamed are Stephen Isdal, 440 votes; Alvin Hansen, 395, Gerald Potter, 391. New councilmen are Henry Putnam, 379, and James Stovall, 325. Walter Brown lost his bid for the council with 281 votes.

Riverdale

In Riverdale, there were no opponents to Mayor Vann S. Horrigan and his council who were renamed in a majority vote.

Mayor Horrigan will be starting his fourth term of office.

Elected with him are Boyd Keller, R. F. Connelly, Irvin Graham, Clyde Shenk and Jack Crissey.

LeClaire

In LeClaire, incumbent Mayor Louis Mohr more than doubled the vote totals of his two opponents, Miss Betty Smith and Wayne Johannsen.

Mohr garnered 244 votes, Miss Smith, 126 and Johannsen, 76.

Elected with Mayor Mohr were his running mates on the Progressive Party ticket.

Elected councilmen are Bill Brown, 262 votes; William Daugherty, 295; Gale Smith, 259; Norman Meinert, 249 and James E. Broughton, 253.

Interest in the race — which included 18 candidates — brought out a heavy vote with incumbent town treasurer William K. Stout receiving 363 votes in an uncontested race.

Blue Grass

Blue Grass voters elected Mayor Pro - Tem Henry H. Baehnk to his first full two-year term of office. Baehnk was appointed mayor pro-tem to fill a vancancy last April.

All five of the present council members were returned to office without opposition including Gerald Carlin, Harold Allison, James Duncan, Loren Schnoor and Robert Dawson. Voters also returned Treasurer Willis C. Houvenagle to office. A total of 76 ballots was cast.

Eldridge

A record number of ballots were cast in Eldridge, where Mayor Raymond Porter was re-elected to a new four-year term. Porter, who operates his own insurance agency, defeated Leo Tombergs, operator of Tomberg's Turner Hall, by a vote of 170 to 91.

A total of 261 ballots was cast, which town officials said overshadows the previous high for any town election.

Two councilmen seeking re-election and a new candidate received the largest number of votes in council balloting to win four-year terms of office.

They include incumbents Robert Pischke and Walter C. Glunz, with 181 and 192 votes respectively, and new candidate Robert Blanche, with 181 votes.

Incumbent Councilman Richard Patzer was reelected for a two-year term with 161 votes. A new candidate, Norman Harvey, also won a two-year council term with 135 votes.

Other council candidates were:

Incumbent Lester H. Kay, 116 votes; Donald Hamann, 69; George Kelley, 66; Harold Kroeger, 100, and Barry Braack, 76 votes.

Princeton

An unusual three-way tie for a council post will be decided in Princeton today as the highlight to an election pretty much following expected form.

Suiter

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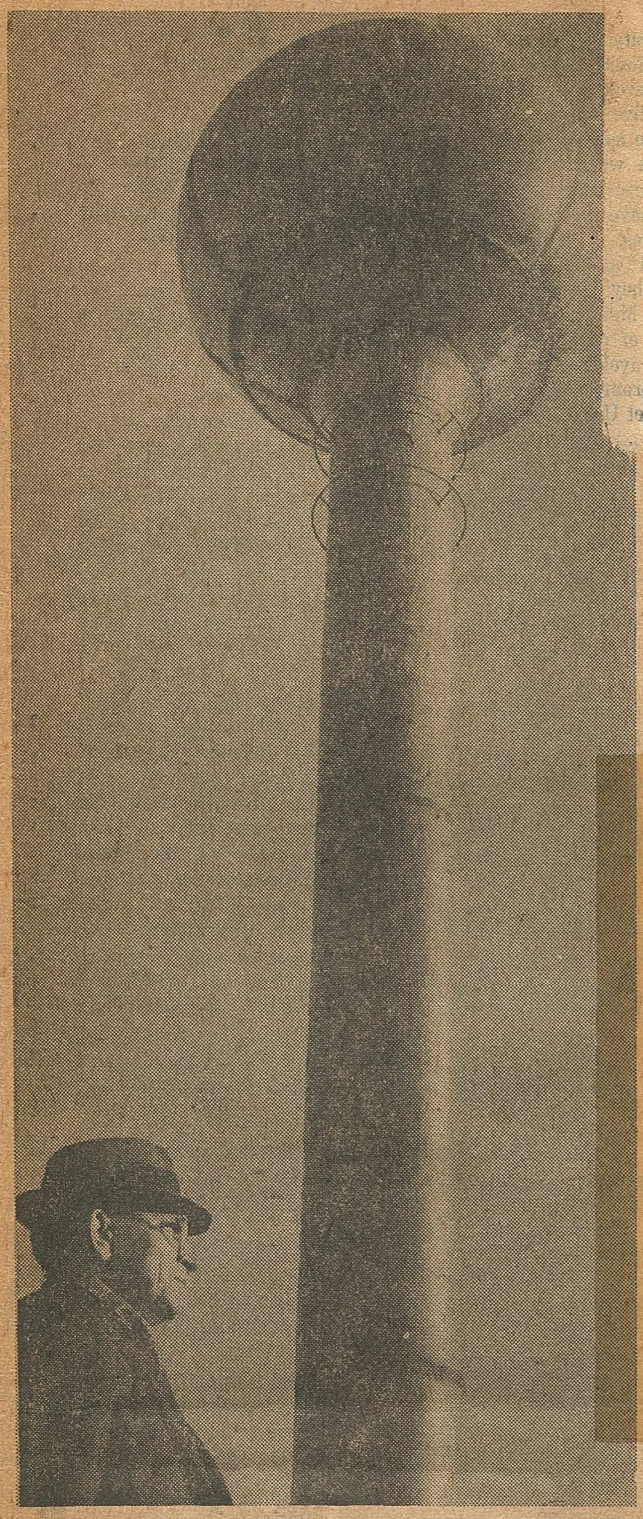

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*A. D. 19*62, GEORGE E. VOLRATH

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day of January *A. D. 19*63, *and until his successor is elected and qualified.*

Given this 12th *day of* November *A. D. 19*62

Verner L. Hebble
President Board of Canvassers.

Attest: M. B. Voss
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Princeton, Iowa

The Times - March 23, 1963

NEW SEWER, WATER SYSTEM - PRINCETON PROGRESS

By Joe Sheridan

Princeton, Iowa - When a new sewer and water system was purposed for this town of 600, quite a few citizens argued against it.

One vigorous dissenter was John R. Suiter.

He's mayor.

But eventually, during 1962, the plan - with some major revisions - was approved - decisively - by the town electorate.

The revisions were mainly Mayor Suiter's ideas. He insisted that the city pay all preliminary costs up to the time the user ties into the system.

"I think we're the first town anywhere to do it this way," said the 51-year-old mayor, an industrial engineer at the Du Pont Cellophane Plant in Clinton and now in his second term as leader of this Scott County town.

"This is the only way I would go for the plan. For what I knew of it, some of our people simply could not pay directly for those preliminary items. It would run into hundreds of dollars."

Work on the installation has just been resumed this week after a delay of some five weeks because of weather conditions. The project was started the first of November.

"We're about one-third finished," said Suiter. "We're aiming for completion between the first and middle of July. But of course a wet spring could slow us down."

Suiter expressed confidence the new facilities will help the town to "prosper and grow" in coming years. "This should add some homes," said Suiter, with a smile, "but of course we'll take a good plant or two to help ease the tax load."

Under his plan, Suiter said, " the town pays for all of preliminary items. We run the water into the basement, with the meter on the line. We run the lateral from the sewer main to the home, within four feet of the existing system, or where they wish to hook on.

"First cost to the user is when he has the plumber tie his plumbing into the city meter and connect the sewer disposal system into the sewer lateral that the city lays up to the house."

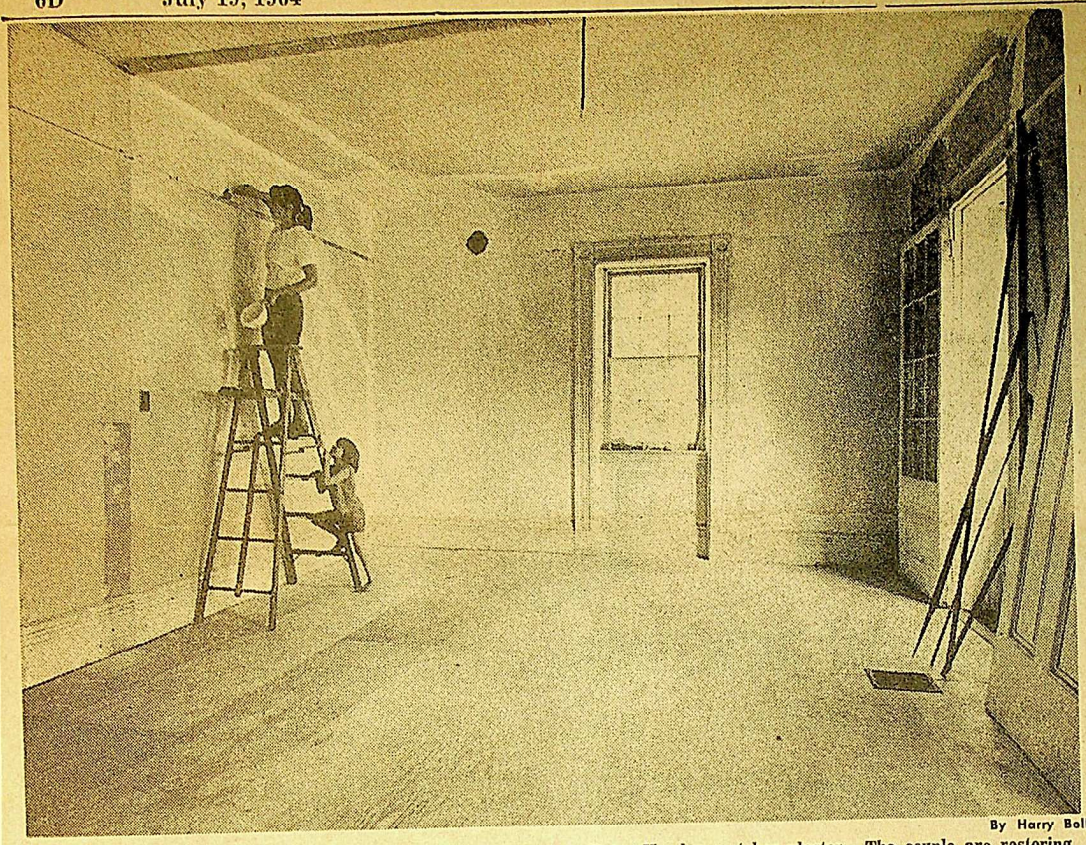
The city, said Suiter, thus is paying the usual assesment on the water main, for the hook-up and for the laying of sewer laterals and the water main to the dwelling.

"I hesitate to say just what this would cost the user outright but it would be well into the hundreds of dollars and some couldn't pay it thst way," said the mayor, explaining that the costs this way are incorporated into the long-range bonding program.

The people of the community, said Suiter, are now generally "behind the project."

By Harold Kruwell

Workmen are shown installing water mains on Third Street in Princeton. Sewer work is practically completed in the town.



By Harry Boll

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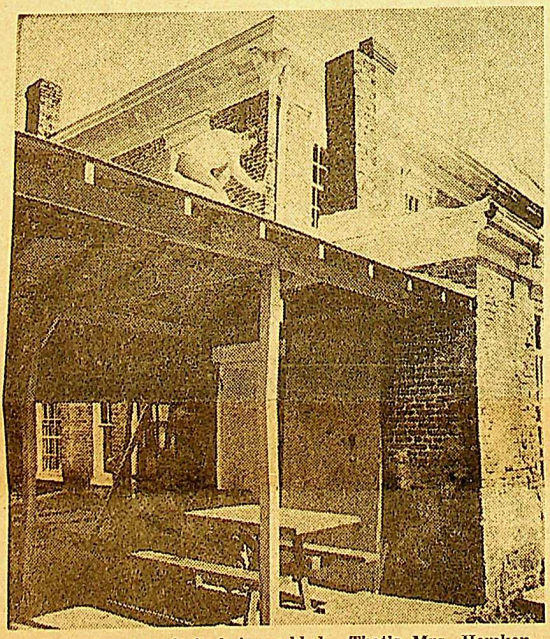

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An energetic young family is breathing new life into LeClaire's century-old "Gamble house," a one-time showplace that fell into disrepair and was condemned as unsafe.

Now the rat-a-tat of hammers echoes into the night and the old house bustles with activity as Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hemken give it a massive face-lifting designed to restore the home to its former glory.

Hemken is an electrical engineer in the master mechanic's department at John Deere Plow Works, Moline. He was recently transferred to the Quad-City area from Wisconsin.

"I almost turned down the transfer because we couldn't find a house we liked. I decided to look on the Iowa side of the river. I was driving around one day, saw this house, and immediately began tracking it down. I called the owner in New York and closed the deal before I even talked to my wife," Hemken related.

To most people the restoration job would have been too discouraging to contemplate. The old home had fallen into a sorry condition of disrepair and neglect. It had haphazardly been divided into various apartments.

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"So far what we've done doesn't show too much, that were installed when rooms were converted to apartments are coming down.

The Hemkens are boning up on architecture of that period in order to restore the home as nearly as possible to its original condition. When they're done they'll put in the proper period furniture.

The home was built in 1855 by Dr. James Gamble who resided there for 66 years. Dr. Gamble had lived for some time in New Orleans and his home was fashioned after some of the southern mansions he'd seen there.

Once it was the center of community activity with its finely landscaped grounds, ornately decorated rooms and six massive chimneys.

The house had stood vacant for some time when the Hemkens acquired it and vandals had been busy. Hemken has had to replace 140 window panes.

"We hope to live here a long time and we're installing top quality material all the way," Hemken said. He'll replace the antiquated furnace with a new one that includes air conditioning.

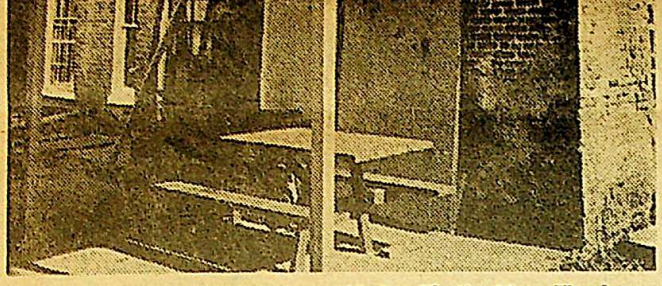
A Piece of Iron

Digging in the yard, Hemken found a piece of the original ornate iron design that once went all the way around the roof. He'll use this pattern to have a similar design cast in aluminum.

"That kind of malleable iron isn't even available from foundries today as standard equipment. It would cost a fortune to have it made that way now," he disclosed.

The Hemkens have made themselves thoroughly at home in LeClaire and said that aside from a beautiful location with a scenic view of the Mississippi River they have "wonderful neighbors."

People are always dropping around to see how the project's coming. On a recent Sunday there were 15 people, some strangers, there at one time.



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"So far what we've done doesn't show too much, but in the two months we've been working on the house we've accomplished more than meets the eye. Actually there's isn't as much to do as it looks," he said. "We've already installed all new plumbing and wiring."

"We want to get it back into its original condition as much as possible," Hemken explained. Restoring an old house isn't exactly new to him and his wife, Vivian. They've previously owned three old homes that they fixed up.

Hemken already has a target date for completion of the major restoration. "Along about Christmas I think we'll be ready to hold an open house. Of course, it'll never be really finished for me as long as I live here. I'll keep adding things," he predicted.

$6,000 In Materials

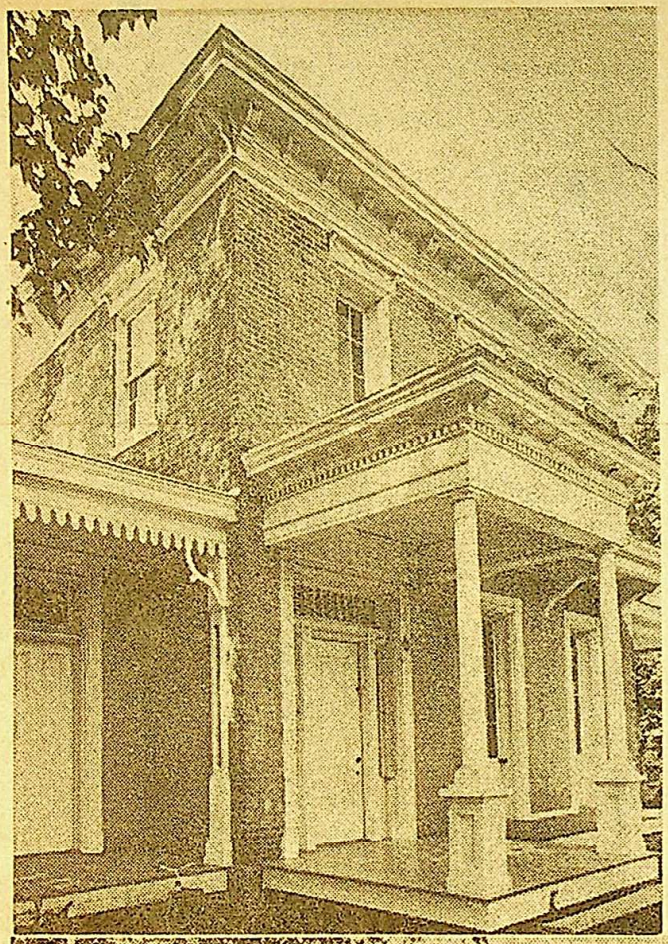
He estimated he'll have about $6,000 invested in materials alone by Christmas. That doesn't include the hundreds of hours he and his wife will have spent on the project.

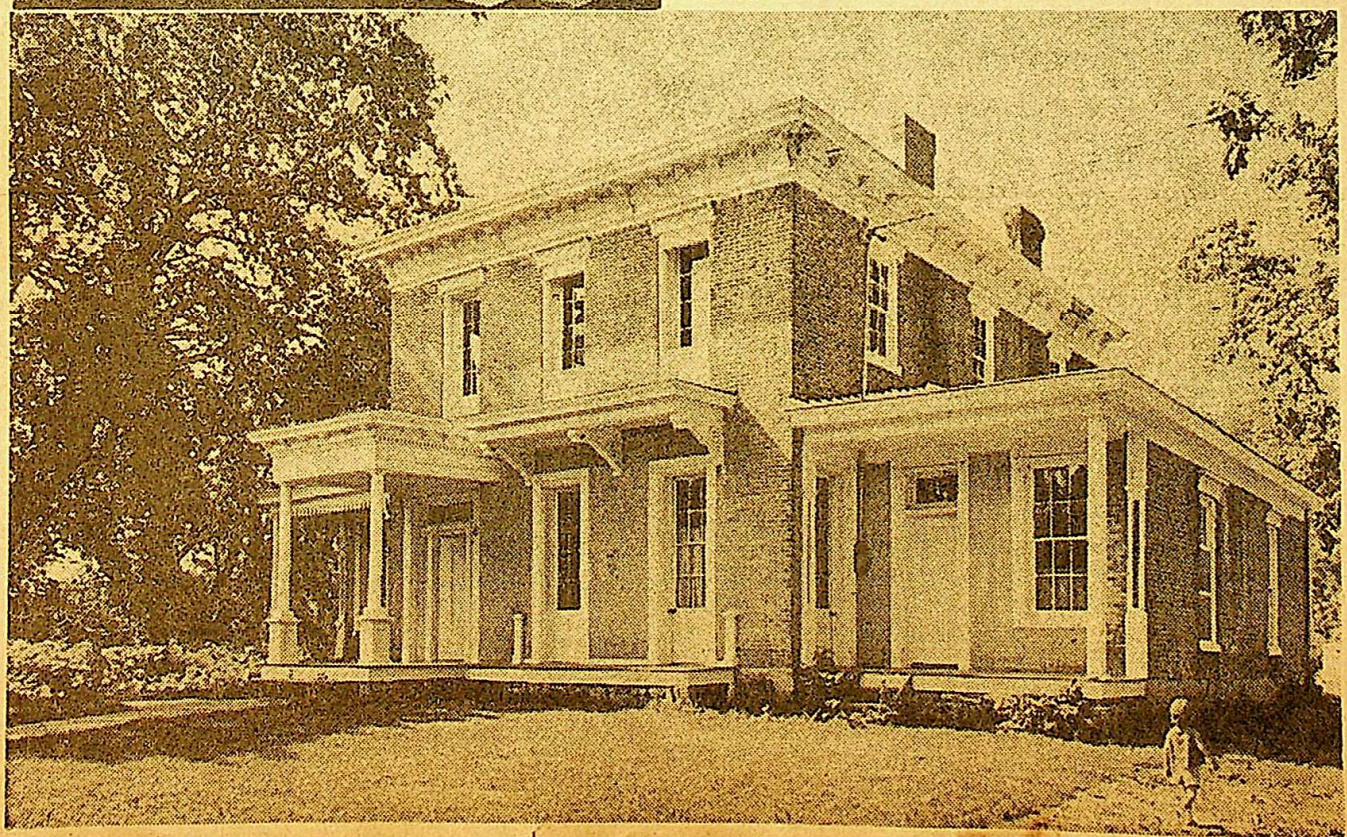
Mrs. Hemken works right alongside her husband, scraping accumulated layers of paint off walls with a wood chisel, painting, plastering, and even helping lay shingles.

"She's even torn some walls out by herself," Hemken boasted. The family is living in the house while the work is under way.

"Actually what we're doing is more camping than living," Hemken said, "but still it's a lot of fun. I'd rather have a house like this to work on than a new one.

Upstairs he's laid plywood subfloors to make the area more livable until regular flooring can be laid. Walls





AT LEFT AND BELOW — Two views showing the grand federal style of the Dr. Gamble mansion in the bluffs of LeClaire.

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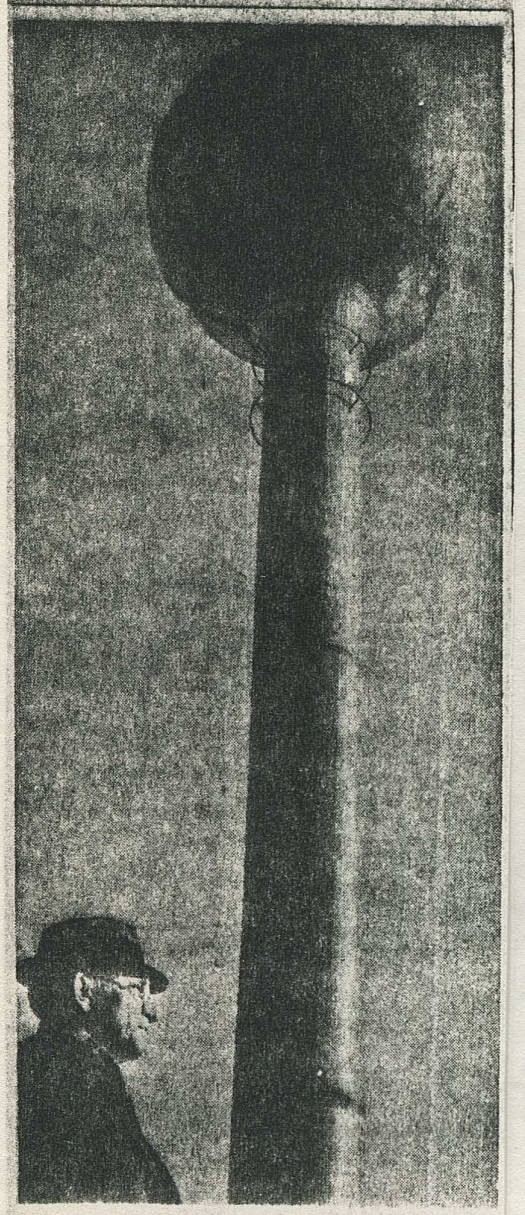

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Progressive Leaders of Little Princeton Plan Program of Community Improvem

LOOKING AHEAD—Unlike the leaders of most small towns, city officials of Princeton are mapping out an ambitious program for improvement of their community. Shown talking over plans for the future, are (left to right) Mayor Frank Norton, City Clerk William McClenahan and Justice of the Peace John Suiter, jr.

Suiter was spokesman for a group of citizens who dropped in at the council meeting this week to congratulate the city fathers for their progressiveness.

Mayor Norton said: "We are still working for more crossing signals from the railroad, but as yet we have not made too much progress. We are going to keep at it, until we get them. We have completed the black-topping of all the streets in town and Princeton is definitely out of the mud."

The biggest project of the Princeton city council is improvement of the levee north of town. "The river is cutting dangerously close to the highway, and we are in constant touch with the engineers at the Rock Island district office in hopes of getting something done soon."

When this work is done, according to Mayor Norton, park arrangements will be supplied by the city to make the shore line a place of beauty, as well as protection for the roadway and the homes of citizens.—(Times photo by H. G. Krueger.)

January 6, 1964

LUND BEGINS DUTIES AS NEW SUPERVISOR

Newly appointed Scott County Supervisor Hilding E. Lund of Princeton was formally seated today for a term on the county board during an informal ceremony at the courthouse.

The oath of office was administered to the new supervisor by County Auditor William Voss.

Lund, who operates the Lund Implement Co. at Princeton, fills a vacancy on the board caused by appointment of Henry C. Ehlers as new county treasurer.

Ehlers was named treasurer by supervisors at a special meeting Friday after the Davenport City Conference Board selected Treasurer Ted G. Goodwin as city assessor to succeed the retired John M. Strelow.

THREE MAN COMMITTEE

Choice of Lund for the county board vacancy was announced by a three-man committee consisting of County Auditor William Voss, Recorder Clarence Hagen and District Court Clerk Elmer Jens.

Lund is no stanger to the county's governmental affairs. He was appointed to the county board to fill a vacancy on Dec. 29, 1960, and served as supervisor until the November 1962 election, when he lost a bid for election to a full term on the board.

HOSPITAL BOARD

The new supervisor has served 10 years as a member of the County Hospital Board of Trustees, and currently serves as a member of the county zoning commission. He has been active in Republican party circles for many years.

Ehlers began his first full day as new county treasurer this morning. This is Goodwin's third day as new city assessor.

December 25, 1964

FRANK NORTONS NOTE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norton will note their 50th anniversary December 30, in the Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton.

Miss Daisy Fickel and Mr. Norton were married December 25, 1914, in the home of the bride's parents in Princeton. Both Mr. Norton's and Mrs. Norton's parents were also married on Christmas Day.

Mr. Norton was with the Riverside Station generating plant of Iowa - Illnois Gas and Electric Co., Bettendorf, for 30 years, retiring in 1956. He served as mayor of Princeton for 14 years.

January 2, 1965

COUNTY AUDITOR TAKES OATH AND THEN...

Scott County's new auditor, George Beuse, took the oath of office Saturday morning in the courthouse. The oath was administered to him by District Court Clerk Elmer Jens, the only Republican in the county to win election at the Nov. polls.

March 5, 1964

BEUSE SEEKS DEMOCRATIC AUDITOR NOD

George Beuse of Princeton, a co-owner of Beuse's Marine Sales and Service, Princeton, today announced he will be a Democratic candidate for Scott County auditor in the June 1 primary. This is his first bid for public office.

A life-long resident of Scott County, Beuse operated a restaurant in Princeton from 1948 until January 1963. He was a brother of the late Walter Beuse, who was Scott County sheriff and mayor of Davenport.

Beuse was born and reared in Davenport, and attended Davenport schools. He moved to Princeton in 1948.

He is former acting postmaster at Princeton, is affiliated with the Davenport Elks Lodge, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Izaak Walton League.

March 10, 1964

LUND SEEKS SCOTT SUPERVISOR POST

Scott County Supervisor Hilding E. Lund of Princeton today announced he will seek Republican Party support in the June 1 primary as a candidate for the unexpired county board term that runs to Jan. 1, 1967.

Lund, operator of the H. E. Implement Co. of Princeton, a farm equipment and auto sales business, was appointed a member of the county board last Jan. 1.'

'In announcing his bid for the county board seat, Lund declared, "I my past experience on the county board, coupled with my business and farming experiences has proved invaluable to me in my present capacity as supervisor."'

'Lund and his wife reside on a farm located two miles south of Princeton. The Lunds have one daughter, Mrs. Walter Mears of Washington, D.C.'

April 12, 1964

ROBERT FIELDS, SR.

Mr. Fields owned a garage in Princeton for 20 years, and until he retired 1957, was with International Harvester, Farmall Works, Rock Island.

He was born in Townville, Pa. and married the former Agnes E. Brammer in Davenport in 1920.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Fields was a member of Snow Lodge No. 44, AF & AM, and the Buffalo Bill American Legion Post, LeClaire.

Mr. and Mrs. Fields have a son and daughter and nine grandchildren.

June 6, 1964

PRINCETON REBEKAHS HONOR 51-YEAR MEMBER

Mrs. Edward Peitscher of Princeton, was honored for 51 years as a member of the Echo Lodge 104. The occasion was the 64th annual District convention of Scott, Clinton and Jackson Counties at Cody Elementary School in LeClaire.

Other officers in the lodge are; Mrs. August Erling Jr., president; Mrs. George Beuse, vice president; Mrs. August Erling Sr. , executive chairman; Mrs. Lloyd Sierk, secretary, and Mrs. Dick Holst, treasurer, all of Princeton.

January 16, 1965

EDWARD PEITSCHER (1878-1965)

Mr. Edward Peitscher was born in Moline, he married Caroline Kroeger in Princeton in 1902. The couple resided in the Princeton area since 1912. Mr. Peitscher had formerly owned and operated a lumber yard and grocery store in Princeton, retiring in 1939.

The Peitscher's had three daughters; five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

October 26, 1965

PRINCETON GETS NATURAL GAS

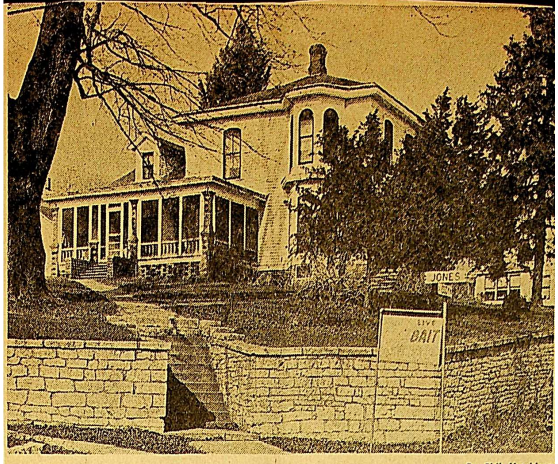
Mayor John Suiter turnes a control value at 2 p.m., Monday, which made natural gas available to Princeton residents for the first time.

The mayor and other officals attended the ceremonies at the town border station of Iowa - Illnois Gas & Electric Co. in LeClaire.

Participating in the turn-on ceremony were Richard J. Whisler, manager of the utility's Bettendorf office; William R. Humes, supervising engineer for construction work on the Princeton project, and Alvin B. Schloemer, gas distribution superintendent.

The $334,000 project includes a 5.1 - mile section of gas feeder line between a point about one mile north of LeClaire and the city limits of Princeton.

It is estimated that at least 50 meters will be installed within the next two weeks. Company spokesmen said the installation of 175 service runs to individual premises has been completed.



By Phil Hutchison

One of LeClaire's landmarks, this former Capt. John McCaffery house, at North Cody Road and Jones Street, will be razed and the site will be the location of a modern facility of the Princeton Farmers' Savings Bank, it was announced today. The site overlooks the Mississippi where its builder was a well known log raft pilot in Civil War days.

Dispatch Nov 12 1964

Bank To Replace LeClaire Landmark

By WALLACE KOENIG

The rambling, eight-room frame residence, built high above LeClaire's North Cody Road (Hwy. 67) in post-Civil War days by Capt. John McCaffery, famed Mississippi log - raft pilot, is doomed for destruction.

It will in the near future be replaced by a modern banking facility of the Princeton Farmers' Savings Bank, the new owner.

Glen H. Suiter, the bank's executive vice-president, in confirming purchase of the property from Warren R. and Eleanor G. Nanke, present occupants, said plans call for removal of the old structure and building of a new bank will be undertaken in 1965 or 1966.

"We don't know just when," said Suiter, "but we have confidence in the future of the Princeton - LeClaire community and plan to develope the site as our place of business in LeClaire."

Suiter explained that the lot with 180-foot frontage on the highway across the street from the city hall has a depth of 140 feet.

The McCaffery house is on ground retained by an eight-foot-high stone wall and excavation and other retaining measures will be required in the bank's plans for suitable parking facilities.

The bank has had an office in LeClaire since 1937. The Princeton bank was established in 1908.

William K. Stout, cashier of the bank, is in charge of the LeClaire operation. The bank's president is H.D. Shaff.

Was Meyer Home

Information on the McCaffery property, supplied by Mrs. Frank Gordon, 20 Glenwood Ave., Davenport, bears out the historical significance of the old residence.

The home was purchased by Mrs. Gordon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Meyer in 1899 and it was conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. Nanke in 1959.

Mrs. Gordon said it was her family's residence during her childhood and she remembers well the framed glass transoms over the doors and the view of the Mississippi from the front and west side rooms.

Historical Background

From books she has read, Mrs. Gordon said she remembers Capt. McCaffery built the house at the height of his river days in the mid-70s.

His father - in - law Andrian Davenport, one of the founders of the Rockingham area in west Davenport in 1834, was also engaged in log rafting, and had built his home just north of the McCaffery site.

The Davenport home was destroyed by fire.

Capt. McCaffery left LeClaire in 1895 moving to a home at Davenport's Tenth and Brady streets.

Capt. McCaffery resided in Davenport until he moved to land he acquired across the river from Vicksburg, Miss. He died in Battle Creek, Mich.

Capt. McCaffery, Mrs. Gordon said she was informed, came to LeClaire from Ireland in 1842 and became a raft hand in 1856.

He was in charge of the first raft boat which came down the river from Reed's Landing in Wisconsin.

He selected the material for his home next to that of his father-in-law from lumber he had rafted down the river and the doors were of design similar to those of steamboat cabins.

Capt. McCaffery, according to Capt. Walter Blair's book on the Mississippi, became a partner of George Tromley, an older pilot, was a clerk and pulled an oar in lumber rafting in his early days.

Pilot in 1870

He first was a pilot on the "Clyde" in 1870 and a year later took a half interest in the VanZant & Son line

Later he operated well known boats such as the "Last Chance", "The Pilot", "Tenbroeck", "Jo Long", "Robert Dodds" the "Helene Shulenberg," and The Diamond Jo Lines' "Mary Morton."

He also transported coal from a mine near Milan on Rock river.

EDITORIAL ANSWERED

Iowa Nov 15 1964

State Gives Its Side In Princeton Row

Our editorial last week in regard to the poor water conditions at the Princeton Public Hunting Grounds has brought forth much comment, not only from several members of the duck hunting clan but also from various employees of the Iowa Conservation Commission.

We have a letter from Dave Vollink, unit manager for Iowa Conservation Commission controlled areas in southeastern Iowa which, in part, explains why the water level at the "Princeton Flats" has steadily declined since the middle of October. Here's what he has to say (concerning pumping operations):

"The pump was run for 30 24-hour days in September. Water levels in the area stood at crest elevation at the time of the first two-day duck season, Oct. 3 and 4. As you know, October was unseasonably warm and dry. The water level in Grant Slough, from which we pump water, dropped so low that when the pump was started again on Oct. 17, we could only pump at about half or less of the normal capacity. When the pump was speeded up it would suck air because of the low water in Grant Slough. The pump was run at half capacity for seven 24-hour days just prior to the second opening of the duck season. Not only is pumping inefficient running at half capacity, but it is also hard on the pump and power unit.

At the present time the water level in the Princeton area is six inches below what it was for the first two day duck season. Pumping at half capacity or less into the area over an extended length of time may do costly damage to the pump (and-or power unit) and will not raise the water level in the area any appreciable amount."

Vollink's explanation of the difficulties at the Princeton area is quite logical. We'd be the first to admit that Grant Slough lacks water. Drought conditions throughout the Midwest have seriously curtailed water flows in the Mississippi River which must feed a constant stream into Grant Slough if there is to be enough for the pump to operate efficiently.

But Why?

But, there is one thing about Vollink's letter which disturbs us. Why wasn't the pump used between Oct. 1 and Oct. 17? Apparently, there was enough water in Grant Slough during these days to support near full capacity pumping operations, yet the pump was not running and the loss of water through surface evaporation and dike seepage must have been considerable.

We can recall, when the Princeton area was new, that pumping operations were scheduled to take into consideration heavy water losses due to surface evaporation or dike seepage. The marsh was always kept at more than crest elevation to allow for these two factors which become very critical during a drought year when a hot south wind can literally suck three or more inches of water per day off a marsh area that has not been thoroughly soaked or constantly replenished by continuous pumping operations.

The Area Hurt

The lack of any pumping operations between Oct. 1 and Oct. 17 definitely hurt the Princeton area. Those were peak days for surface evaporation; dike seepage would be much greater than normal because of the low water conditions in Grant Slough. A bad time indeed, but nothing was done to delay this loss of water and the Princeton area was not at crest elevation when the second portion of Iowa's duck season opened.

Duck hunters are still not happy with conditions at Princeton. They will continue to grumble until the season ends, and that's their privilege. They feel the Conservation Commission has not been fair to them, and it could be that they are right. No matter how you look at it, low water conditions don't help duck hunting. With water levels down 12 to 24 inches in some of the better shooting areas at Princeton, the marsh becomes less and less attractive to ducks and geese.

Hunters Are Unhappy

To say that we are unhappy with the situation at Princeton is putting it mildly, indeed. We are extremely disturbed because in Scott County, which last year gave the Iowa Conservation Commission coffers nearly $96,000 in license fees — hunting, fishing, trapping and deer — we have only one state-managed area, of about 800 acres, that cannot be utilized to its fullest extent by the sportsmen who are paying for it. As we said last week, there are no dividends at Princeton this year and only the management is to blame.

DECEMBER 27, 1964

SOMETHING MORE TO FARMING ...

There is something more to farming than merely meets the eye,
And you'll never really see it if you're a casual passerby.
To have a truer understanding of this all engrossing life
You'll need to get aquainted with this farmer's busy wife.
She awakes in the morning, long before the sun comes in view,
For it's time to get the milch cows from the pasture wet with dew,
There is little time for stretching, or even just a yawn,
Because an empty pillow tells her Tom is up and gone.
She calls young Bob and Janie to get themselves in gear
Their cheerful, "Coming Mother", is a welcome sound to hear.
She smiles at Tom's off key whistle, as he goes about to chore,
And pats Old Mac, the Collie, as he meets her at the door.
Then out across the pasture, her Collie friend and she,
Straight to the further corner, where cows are sure to be.
She doesn't mind the walking in the early mornings' still,
To her, each new day's dawning is a never ending thrill.
When peace is all around her, 'most like Eden's perfect park
Amidst the morning song of robins, and call of nearby lark,
'Tis a time for clearer thinking to make things mighty plain,
When she's sure her hopes and planning are truly not in vain.
And knows there is more to farming than seeming endless toil
She is glad her man is a farmer, who truly loves the soil.
So back across the pasture, and her thinking turns to work,
Young Bob has done the feeding, a farms no place to shirk,
The cows are in the stanchions, the milker is set to go,
And it won't be many minutes before the milk begins to flow.
Janie is getting breakfast, for when the chores are done
They'll gather around the table, father, mother, daughter, son.
As soon as breakfast's finished, they're up and on their way
For Mom and Janie it's dishes, for Dad and Bob it's making hay.
There are berries ripe for freezing, and the garden needs the hoe,
And when those tasks are finished, the lawn is right to mow.
Yes, there are many varied duties that come with every day
Work is part of living, but there is time that's left for play.
And farm folks don't think that keeping busy is such a load of care
Tho' there's much to be adoing, there are willing hands to share.
And the doing things together is that part of farming life
That binds you to each other, says this farmer's busy wife.
Her hopes for Bob and Janie; are that they'll learn to see
That the land and work together is a way of being free.
She hopes when Janie chooses, her man will understand
There is much to find rewarding in working with the land.
And that girl that Bob marries, will not count just the toil
But be glad her man is a farmer, who truly loves the soil.

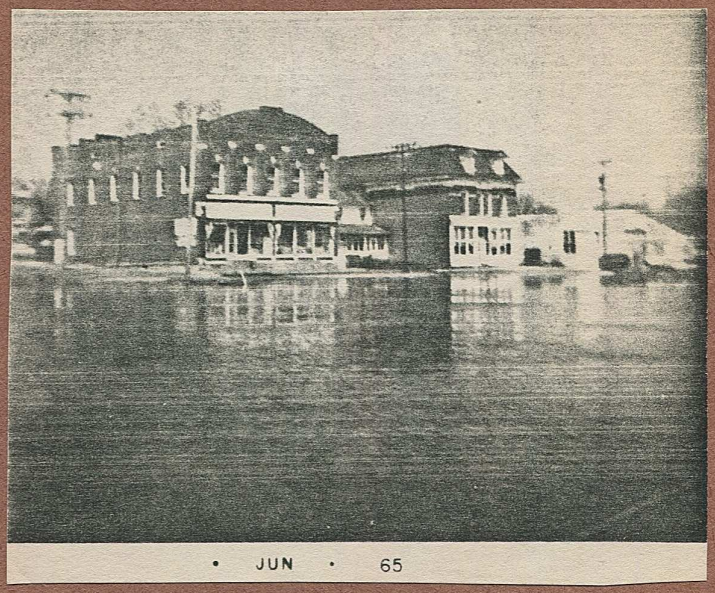
(EDITOR'S NOTE-This poem was written by an Eastern Iowan who wishes to be known only by his pen name of EDGAR A. JAMES. He was born and raised on a farm, but left it when just a young man. He has a background of varied interests, and has engaged in different occupations, but has now returned to the rural area where he is living on an acreage. His poem shows the love that he had for the land, and indicates that there may be some regret in not remaining on the farm.)

THE FLOOD OF 1965

by Penne Miller

I'm surprized no one wanted to write a story about the flood of 1965. Maybe no one wanted to remember it!

Quite a lot of River Drive was flooded. Here are a few photos taken in 1965 by Elaine Schulz.



400 BLOCK OF RIVER DR

LAND AGREEMENTS MADE

Scott Hunting Area To Be Expanded

Mon May 17 1965

By WALLACE KOENIG

The Iowa Conservation Commission has reached agreement with four owners of land to be purchased at a cost of $88,000 to be used in expansion of the Princeton public hunting area from 785 to 1,188 acres it was disclosed today.

Lloyd Bailey, superintendent of land acquisition for the commission, said the state has exercised options and the deals are considered closed except for approval of titles by the attorney general's office.

Lists Land Parcels

The 403 acres to be acquired include these parcels and amounts to be paid in each case: Claude Oakes, 90 acres at $300 an acre or $27,000; Nick Siem, 50 acres at $140 an acre or $7,000; Noah P. Billups, 33 acres at $200 an acre or $6,600, and Cecil Streicher, 230 acres for $47,500.

According to Bailey, all of the land lies between the right-of-way of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad and the Mississippi River and most is in the old Carroll Levee District.

The hunting area was established by the state in 1958 and levees of the district have been used to retain water for duck hunting.

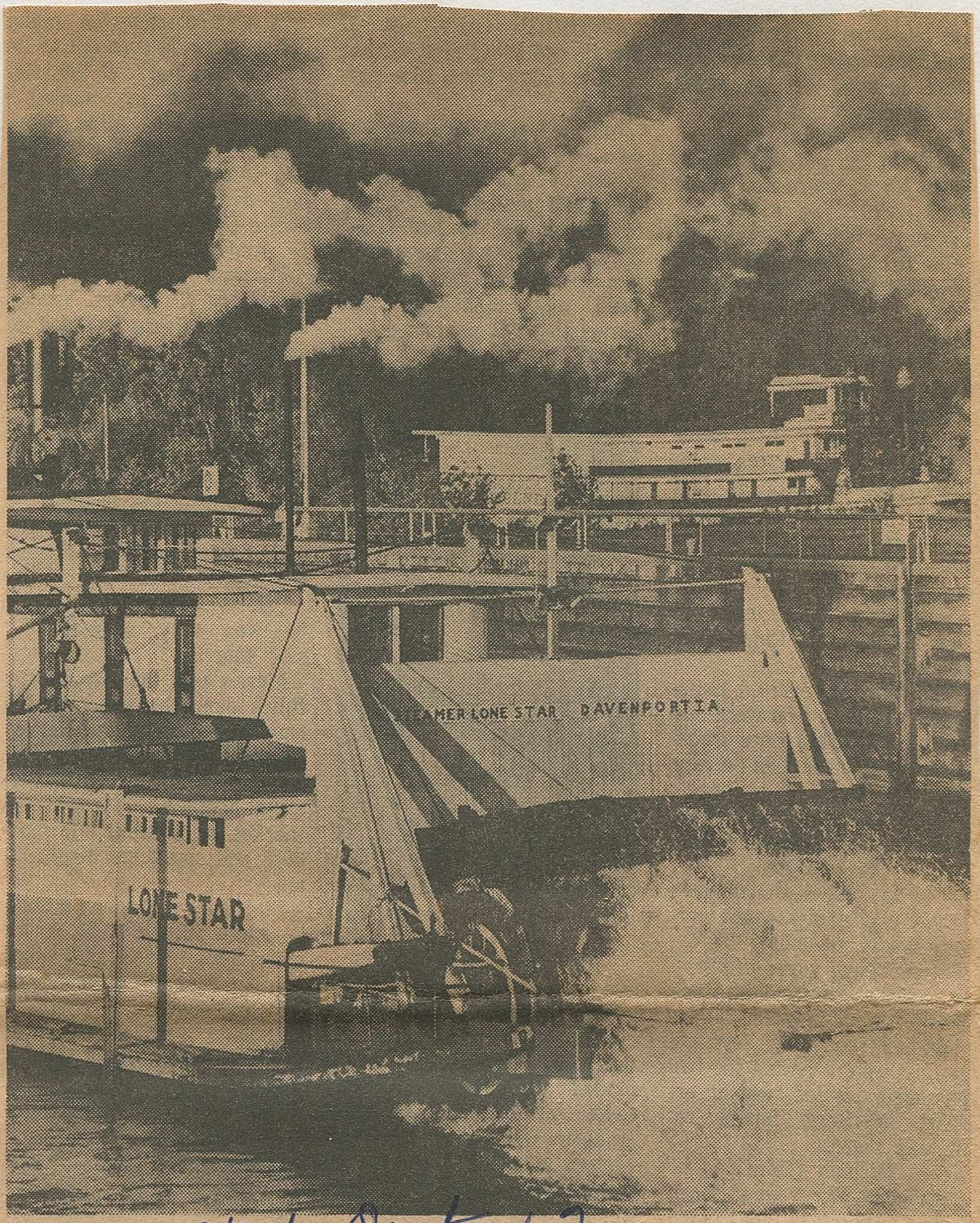
Dike Repair

Although plans for development of the entire area have not been entirely determined, it is reported some of the dikes, which were damaged by the recent flood, are to be repaired and there is a possibility that a new pumping station will be installed.

Presently there is as much as seven feet of water in the area.

Acquisition of the Streicher property, which is near the mouth of the Wapsi, is considered as a real asset to the state's holding.

The Siem, Billups and Oakes properties lie near the lower end of the area.



By Bill McConnell

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2 Boats From River History

This is a 20th century study of working and retired steamboats on the Mississippi. In the background is the Rhododendron as she "rested" at a guard wall below LeClaire Lock 14 in preparation for a trip to Clinton where she will become a showboat. In contrast, the Lone Star, foreground, the last steamboat in active service on the Mississippi churns her way into the lock chamber. The Lone Star makes daily tow trips to gravel pits near Cordova for the Builders Lime & Cement Co., Davenport.

19 66

July 4th, 1965

FOURTH OF JULY MEMORIES
By George Beuse

Looking back through the years it seems that most of my happy memories of past Fourths of July are associated with Davenport parks or other parks of this area.

Since our family home was in the 1800 block on West 5th ST. during my boyhood years we were fairly close to both Fejervary and Credit Island Parks, although in my early years Credit Island was not a public park but a private recreation park known as Suburban Island.

There were fireworks displays at both parks in my boyhood. There was no access to Suburban Island by automobile - we went there on a street car for family picnics and holiday celebrations. There was a mery-go-round and at one time even a figure-8, so a young fellow always had a good time there.

At Fejervary Park, there were also good fireworks but they were abandoned and fireworks forbidden in the park after several accidents in which the youngsters were burned.

On at least two occasions we made the long pilgrimage by streetcar to Campbell's Island, which like Suburban Island, was then only accessible by streetcar or boat. Fourth of July displays there were both extensive and interesting.

In our own neighborhood people had their own Roman candles, pin wheels and flower pots which they shot off in the early evening. Many people sent up paper ballons that had tags attached to them entitling the finders to money or merchandise.

Naturally all we youngsters went chasing after those balloons but they generally went so fast and so far we could not see them in their destinations. The few balloons we did find were ones sent up in other parts of town that landed in our neighborhood.

We had firecrackers varying in size from one to five inches- the biggest ones were often put off under a can which would blow high in the air. And the Fourth of July was a time for family feasts, too, with ice cream and watermelon high on the list of favorites. In those days before folks had refrigeration in their homes such goodies were only available on special occasions and were secured for immediate consumption rather than for keeping.

Like all patriotic Americans, I cherish my memories of the Fourth of July of the past. Nostalgic recollections of fireworks are pleasant for all old-timers.

Yet the law outlawing use of fireworks in Iowa was one of the wisest ever passed in our state and it came at an opportune time. In the slower, quieter atmosphere of 40 or 50 years ago fireworks were not as dangerous as they would be today.

In this time of juvenile delinquecy, teen age toughs and densly populated cities, youngsters driveing about in cars and throwing cannon crackers at pedestrians would cause many injuries. So while 4th's of July of the past are pleasant to remember the "safe & sane" 4th's we have known in the past 20 years are much preferred.

February 4, 1966

MR. AND MRS. JOHN N. ROOK

John N. Rook was born in LeClaire , Iowa in 1879 and had resided in Princeton most of his life.

Until he retired in 1948, Mr. Rook was on the Dredge, Rock Island, U.S. Engineer Corps.

He married the former Edna Rose Bickmore December 24, 1906 in Watertown, S.D., at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bickmore. Mrs. Rook was born in Orchard, Iowa in 1887. She died January 13, 1966.

The couple had one daughter and one grandchild.

February 26, 1966

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM BAXTER TO BE FETED AT RECEPTION

Mr. and Mrs. William Baxter, Princeton are hosting a reception Saturday, Feb. 26 in observance of their golden anniversary.

'Margaret oliver and William Baxter were married in the home of the bride's parents in Walnut Grove Feb. 24, 1916. They retired from farming in 1946.

They are members of the Princeton Presbyterian Church.

March 27, 1966

MRS. CHARLES F. ROOK (1878-1966)

Effie Marshall was a native of Princeton. She married Charles Rook in 1924 in LeClaire. Prior to her retirement she was employed 20 years by the CB & M Railway Co.

1966-PRINCETON POST OFFICE WORK IS LET OUT

Modernization of the post office in Princeton was advanced Saturday with the announcement by Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien that a contract has been awarded to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lund to remodel and lease the building to the Post Office Department.

Remodeling plans include paneling of the lobby and workroom walls, acoustical tile on ceilings, new lighing arrangements and tiling of the floor areas. A new roof was put on last year.

The remodeling will allow for 953 square feet of interior space and 860 square feet for parking and movement of postal vehicles.

New service counters and streamlining of service areas are part of the project. The work is scheduled to be finished by mid-summer, according to Anna V. Beuse, postmaster.

The number of boxes will be increased by 78 to 293. The facility moves from a third to a second class operation beginning July 1.

Andy Thomas, Low Moor contractor, is in charge of the project.

June 30, 1966

CHARLIE CARR - RIVERMAN (1882-1966)

Charlie Carr, known as "The Old Man of the River" died today at the age of 84.

A houseboat owner and commercial fisherman, Mr. Carr once said, "The Mississippi River is my life." For many years he lived in a houseboat with his wife, Cora, at the edge of the river near Princeton.

Mr. Carr had a devotion for the river and even in later years he was known to rise in the middle of the night to watch the diesels throb by outside his window.

There were brief periods whe Mr. Carr left the river. Once he was a school janitor and another time he worked for a foundry, but always the call of the Mississippi River lured him back.

Known by everybody as "Charlie," he started fishing for a living in the New Boston area when he was 15.

Mr. Carr defended the lowly carp as keeping the commercial fisherman from starving and thought there was nothing as succulent as smoked carp.

Charlie has been a familiar figure as he would tie and repair fishing nets, something new sailors seldom learn.

During the winter he often made 35 of them and would sell those that he didn't need.

Mr. Carr was born in Iowa and married Cora Runyon in 1932 in Aledo, Ill.

September 22, 1966

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD PEITSCHER

Carolina Kroeger was born in 1877 and was a life resident of Princeton. Miss Kroeger married Edward Peitscher in Princeton in 1902. The couple owned and operated the former Peitscher Grocery in Princeton for many years before retiring.

Mrs. Kroeger was a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Mr. Peitscher died in 1965. Mrs. Peitscher died in 1966.

Their daughters are, Mrs. Harry McConnell, and Mrs. Allen Elliott both of Princeton, and Mrs. Charles Morgan, LeClaire, and there are five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

October 30, 1966

MR. AND MRS. JOHN LITSCHER NOTES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John Litscher celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Sunday, Oct. 30, with an open house at Kernan's Supper Club. A family dinner will also honor the couple.

Miss Irma Russell and Mr. Litscher were married Oct. 30, 1916 in the parsonage of St. John's Methodist Church, Davenport.

The couple farmed in the McCausland area. Mr. Litscher was with the Scott County Engineers, Davenport, for 30 years, retiring five years ago. Mrs. Litscher is a past Noble Grand of Echo Rebekah Lodge.

Their children are Russell John and Mrs.Hans(June) Joens. They have one grandson, Leo Russell Litscher.

September 1, 1966

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE L. HELBLE

George Helble a native of Princeton, and resident of Bettendorf for the last 43 years, plans his retirement.

After 11 ½ years of service, Bettendorf Postmaster, George L. Helble will retire Nov. 4. Helble was named acting postmaster in April of 1955, and was confirmed as postmaster in June of that year.

Before that, he had been a representative of the New York Life Insurance Co. since 1948. Prior to that, he operated Helble's Bettendorf Market.

Active in civic affairs, Helble has served terms as president of the Bettendorf Chamber of Commerce, was a member of the board of education for 18 years, and served on the Bettendorf City Council from 1932-1936.

Helble is a member of the Bettendorf Community Presbyterian Church, where he has served as trustee and elder.

He is also a Lions Club member, a former board member of the YMCA, has been active in United Fund and Community Chest Drives, and has served for a number of years as president of the Friends of the Bettendorf Library.

Helble and his wife, Prudence, will be moving to the Rossmoor Leisure World at LaGuna Hills, California.

In addition to a daughter in Minneapolis, Minn., the Helble's have a son and two daughters, along with eight granchildren, on the west coast.

Besides the grandchildren, who are, as Helble puts it "close enough for us to visit easily and too far away for us to be their frequent babysitter," retirement plans include "lots of golf, lots of bridge, and a try at deep-sea fishing."

"I've worked all my life, since I was 11," Helble said, and now I want to relax some."

September 30, 1967

DR. AND MRS. EDWIN A. ROLSTON

Dr. Rolston was born Sept. 12, 1896, in Albion. He graduated from Albion High School and from the veterinary medicine at Iowa State University. He served with the U.S. Medical Corps during World War I.

He married Ethel Johnson at Charles City in 1922. They resided in Davenport from 1921-1924 while he worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. They later resided 12 years in Princeton, then moved to Clinton in 1936.

Dr. Rolston was past president of District 15 of the Veterinary Medical Assn., and executive committee of the state organization for two years.

He belonged to several Masonic groups, and was vice-president of the Horse Patrol of the Clinton Shrine and past worthy patron of the Siver Creek Chapter, Order Eastern Star, LeClaire.

Dr. and Mrs. Rolston had two sons, Dorvan C. and Gaylord D., both of Clinton; a daughter Mrs. Gary (Jolee) Frasier, Tempe, Ariz.; and nine grandchildren.

Litschers Note 50th Anniversary

The Litschers, today, as they note their golden wedding anniversary with an open house next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Litscher on their wedding day.

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The couple farmed in the McCausland area. Mr. Litscher was with the Scott County Engineers, Davenport, for 30 years, retiring five years ago. Mrs. Litscher is a past Noble Grand of Echo-Rebekah Lodge.

Their children are Russell John, Lynwood, Calif.; and Mrs. Hans (June) Joens, Clinton. They have one grandson, Leo Russell Litscher, Lynwood, Calif.

January 25, 1967

MR. DAVID ALLEN

David Allen was born in Columbus Junction, Iowa and married Iona Burtoft in 1952.

A veteran of World War II, he belonged to the American Legion Buffalo Bill Post 347, LeClaire. Mr. Allen owned and operated Butch's Barber Shop in Princeton for 15 years.

MRS. CHARLES DODDS

Martha E. Johansen was born in Princeton in 1887, and was married to Mr. Charles Dodds in 1910 in Pleasant Valley. He died in 1938. They farmed in Pleasant Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodds have two daughters, Mrs. Clarence (Aruba) Watkins, Mrs. John (Laura) Moffit, and a son, Chester; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

January 28, 1967

DANIEL WEBSTER SHAW; EX-RIVERBOAT CAPTAIN

Daniel Webster Shaw Sr., was born in Princeton, December 1895. He was a World War I veteran and a member of the Buffalo Bill Post, American Legion, LeClaire.

He was a riverboat captain for 38 years. After his retirement in 1952, Capt. Shaw was employed as an inspector for Pioneer Central Division, the Bendix Corp., until 1960.

His second marriage was to Laura Lake, of Muscatine in 1956.

Besides his wife he was survived by three daughters and a son, Daniel W. Jr., and 10 granchildren and one great-grandchild.

February 1967- LECLAIRE, PRINCETON PHONE MERGER TOLD

The merger of the LeClaire and Princeton Telephone Exchanges, Inc., with the Unided Telephone Co. of Iowa, effective March 1, was announced Tuesday by Mr. an Mrs. Russell Enyeart, owners of the LeClaire-Princeton firm.

The Enyearts will continue to make their home in Princeton and Enyeart will remain in a management position with the merged firm. He will direct completion of long - range service improvement plans made prior to the merger.

Some of the improvements schedued are foru-party rural service, one and two-party service in LeClaire and Princeton, and continued studies of the feasibilty of extended area service to Davenport.

March 1 is a significant date in the lives of Russell and Evonda Enyeart. They were married March 1, 1942. They took over the LeClaire and Princeton telephone exchanges on March 1, 1946, and on March 1, 1961, moved into a new business office in Princeton.

The merger date this year is also their 25th wedding anniversary.

March 2, 1967

M. A. FULTON

Mr. M. A. Fulton was born in Princeton, June 18, 1895, a son of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Fulton.

He was graduated from high school. Shortly after return from World War I service, Feb. 3,1919, he married Mae Newton.

Mr. Fulton's career in newspapering covered a span of more than a half century.

His start from a "cub" reporter seeking news at railroad stations led him to the editorship of The Daily Times in what might be termed a cycle in the Quad-City newspaper editorial proffession.

He covered major wars and minor conflicts. He participated in World War I, with overseas duty.

SMELLS INK

A native of Princeton, Mr. Fulton's first contact with printer's ink was at a Princeton Journal weekly newspaper.

It was as a high school youth that he made up his mind to make newspaper his career, and in 1910 took his first job with The Times, on the Davenport city staff under the late James E. Hardman, managing editor.

His call from "apprenticeship" cam when Hardman made him his right-hand desk man, but only after turns at police and "commercial "beats".

ADVANCEMENT

From then on Mr. Fulton advanced steadily, becoming Ill. editor, Rock Island and Moline editor,telegraph editor, news editor and editor in 1951. He was the editor of The Time until his retirement Jan.1, 1962.

Mr. Fulton's career was interupted for a two-year period for army service. He went to France with the rank of regimental sergeant major in the 59th Field Artillery Brigade.

War experiences served him well in later years. He was to take the lead in handling news from the front in World War II, which he did with distinction recognized by leaders in the journalistic field.

OTHER CRISIS

He knew and took in stride events of more normal trends of American life, those of the "roaring 20's," "the jazz" age and of the critical Great Depression and subsequently the New Deal of national politics.

These were world and nationwide news potentialities, which wrought many changes.

But there were developments in newspaper processing and in methods of news gathering.

He saw the telegrapg key and code method of carrying world dispatches and the coming of the teletype and telephoto systems adopted by leading wire services.

Except for a brief period in the late 1940's when he was struck down ny sickness, Mr. Fulton gave a full measure of his energies to his newspaper and its improvements, to the community, its betterment, and the welfare of its people.

AT LECLAIRE

For 32 years of his life, Mr. Fulton was aresident of LeClaire. He took a leading part in affairs of the town and had served for 20 years as a member of the school board.

Pupils Move Bag, Baggage Out Of The '19th Century'

Mon Jan 23 1967

By ROGER YOCKEY

It was only a four-block trip from the century-old Princeton school to a new elementary building, but for about 200 youngsters today's move was as exciting as a trip to the moon.

The pupils reported as usual this morning to the old, old school on Third Street in Princeton. The children went to their classrooms and pick up white shopping bags which held their books and other materials.

Each bag had a youngster's name neatly printed in black on the front and there was a "Linda," "Ronald" and many more. There were also a few shouts of "I can't find my bag," or "I left my bag on the bus."

All's Well

All and all, things went well as the pupils moved from old school to school bus down Third Avenue, made a left turn onto Lost Grove Road, and the short trip to their new one-story, modern school.

The old school on Third Street, according to a "History of Scott County," was built about the year 1866 at a cost of $4,500. The proud old structure with its two stories, capped by a belfry with a working bell, served generations of Princeton residents as both an elementary and a high school.

How do students and teachers feel about leaving the old for the new? "I have been here 22 years in this building and I sort of hate to leave. You get a little sentimentally attached," Mrs. Wayne Wilder, fourth grade teacher said.

Different View

A different view was expressed by Mrs. Wilbert Kroeger, an assistant teacher, who was asked if she was happy to make the switch. "Goodness, yes!" was her quick answer.

Most of the children are also happy to be moving into their new building. Most were too excited this morning to stop and put their feelings into words. First and sixth graders on board a bus were asked if they wanted to move. The loud chorus of "yes" left no doubt.

Kevin Brown, 7, a second grader and son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Brown, was typical of most pupils today in Princeton. When asked if he liked his new school, he could only offer a big smile and an affirmative nod of his head.

Move Delayed

Wayne Swinton, principal of both the old school and the new school, said the move was scheduled to be made in October of last year, but construction was not completed then.

Kindergarten children were moved into the new building about three weeks ago from the Princeton Lutheran Church. Desks and equipment made the journey from old to new site this weekend.

No one is making any bets, but children may again return to the old school on Third Street. North Scott School Supt. Melvin Heiler said no decision has been made about the 19th Century building, but it would probably be "held in case of need."

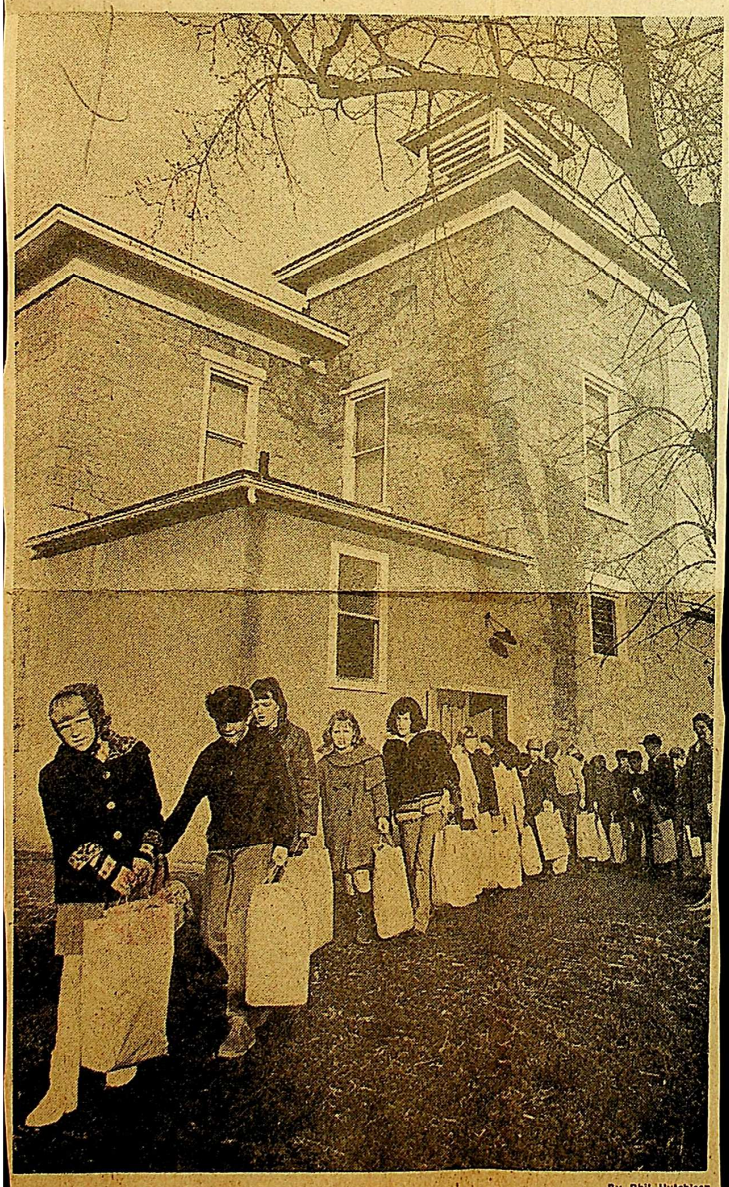
Some teachers expressed the opinion today that they might be back teaching in the old school. Princeton residents will miss the sound of the old school's bell which called children at recess and noon for more than a century.

New School

The new school will have kindergarten through sixth grades in it. Supt. Heiler said he didn't know the cost of the Princeton school, but the total package for that school plus new elementary schools now being built at Donahue, Long Grove and Eldridge is $739,364.

There was one problem with the move. The fact that dogs love children and do follow young persons to school is not a nursery rhyme.

Three dogs were playing outside the old school and there was a very confused puppy in front of the new school. Evidently, the dogs' masters forgot to explain that today was moving day.



By Phil Hutchison

Princeton youngsters file from their century-old building with shopping bags filled with books and supplies in hand on their way to buses and a new elementary school.

Monday Is Moving Day For Pupils

Mon Jan 23 1967

About 190 pupils will move Monday morning from the century-old Princeton school to a new elementary building, the first of four new schools to open in the North Scott district.

Supt. Melvin Heiler said the children will report as usual to the old building.

Each will have a shopping bag into which they will pack their books and other materials, and then board a bus for the four-block trip to the new school.

The new seven-room building provides classrooms for kindergarten through sixth grade.

Other new elementary schools are being built at Donahue, Long Grove and Eldridge.

Heiler said the completion date of the other schools is not definitely set at this time.

There will be no formal ceremony Monday marking occupancy of the Princeton school. However, a public open house will probably be scheduled in the near future, Heiler said.

Fri Jan 27 1967

Abandon Century-Old Building

North Scott Pupils Move Into New Modern Plant

PRINCETON — More than 200 pupils who had been attending classes in the 100-year-old Princeton school, have moved to a new and modern building four blocks from the old site.

Classes in the old building were held on three floors but the new one has all facilities on one floor. It has seven rooms and an office and will serve pupils from kindergarten through sixth grade.

The new Princeton building is the first of four to be completed in the North Scott district. The others will be in Donahue, Long Grove and Eldridge.

Controversies over where the schools were to be located resulted in the rejection of several bond issues for financing their construction.

Wayne Swinton is principal of the Princeton school.

First settlers in the Princeton area were young men without families and it was not necessary to have schools. Later, when families were established, parents did what they could with their limited means to provide education for their children.

The first school established in what now is known as Princeton Independent district, was opened in 1846 or 1847 in a log house.

Because of a dispute which arose in 1850 over location of a proposed school building, the project was abandoned for a time. Some of the parents who were determined to have a school for their children bought an old barn and set about to transform it into a building which was used for some time for both school and church purposes.

In 1852, a small house was built in Princeton at what was regarded as an extravagant cost of $375 and was used as a school. In 1856 it was found the title to the land was not good so heirs of the property owners compromised with the school district by buying another lot and constructing another building exactly like the first.

This house was used until 1864 for school purposes. After that date the school occupied the upper and lower floors of a hall on Front St.

In 1866 it was determined to build a structure suitable for school purposes. The contract cost was $4,500. This was the building which saw 100 years of service and now stands idle.

The first Princeton district teacher was paid $1.75 per week and was boarded by families in the district.

W. E. HELBLES OBSERVE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Then...

Tues Feb 14 1967

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Helble on their wedding day.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Helble, Princeton, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 14. Friends and relatives are invited to call at Methodist Church in McCausland, Iowa, from 2-5 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m.

Lottie Porter and Mr. Helble were married at the home of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. William Porter, Malone, Iowa, on Feb. 14, 1917. The couple has resided 50 years in their farm home two miles south of McCausland.

They have one son, Do... daughter, Mrs. Clarence (Rose... gy, DeWitt; four grandchildren... great-granddaughter.

...And Now

The Helbles, today.

Rumors of Highway 67 Relocation Unconfirmed

Oct 5 1967

Plans for improvements of a 10.7 mile section of U.S. Highway 67 from the junction with Interstate Highway 80 south of LeClaire north to the Clinton county line, north of Princeton, presently remain as announced in a "Five Year Program" released by the Iowa State Highway commission last December, The News has been informed by Olav Smedal, public information director for the commission.

Smedal indicated, however, that the commission's survey crews, locations engineer and assistants are "gathering additional facts relative to the present road and possible improvement through the partial relocation," and that a new "Five Year Program" is now being prepared for an official release next December.

"Whether there will be any changes made on the Highway 67 project is not known at this time," Smedal stated.

The primary road construction schedule now in effect has designated the 10.7 mile area for "right-of-way" in 1969; bridges, culverts, grading, shoulder widening and erosion control and intersection lighting for 1971.

The present location will remain as it is to a "couple of miles north of Princeton," Smedal indicated. "From that point on south, it may be possible that there will be either a minor or partial relocation depending on the facts gathered and the resulting reactions to the Commissioners for their consideration and decision," he told The News.

The sight of surveyors and engineers in the town of LeClaire has raised much speculation in recent weeks concerning a new path for Highway 67.

LeClaire Mayor Norman Meinert stated this week, "The state hasn't committed itself on anything as far as widening U.S. 67 in LeClaire. They have only made a statement as to having made appropriation in the budget for improvements on parts of U.S. 67 for the years 1967 through 1969 for the Camanche, Burlington and Muscatine areas. This does not include LeClaire."

The mayor will make public any concrete plans that are sent to his office by the State Highway Commission for the town, he said.

Honor Princeton Teacher

Quad Cities May 17 1966

Forty-two years of Sunday School teaching is the accomplishment for which Emma Helble, Princeton, was honored Tuesday night at the annual mother-daughter banquet of the town's Zion Lutheran Church.

Miss Helble, a retired postmistress, now serves as the church's secretary-treasurer. She received her 25 year pin for attendance in 1950.

Mr. Keith Swenson, the church's visiting pastor from Moline, described her as "a very warm person, and a very capable one. We think it is especially significant that she is not a mother but has the concern for children that any mother has," he said.

"The children relate to her very well," Mr. Swenson continued. "They take her into their confidence. And she is willing to do almost anything you ask of her. She considers her church work to be her vocation.

"In Sunday School teaching, sometimes it's not the knowledge the teacher possesses that is as important as expressing her personal faith," Mr. Swenson said. "Emma does this very well. She uses her experience in her teaching."

New 4-Lane Plan

Mon Dec 23 1968

LeClaire Road Study OKd

The Iowa Highway Commission (IHC) has ordered a feasibility and cost study of a new plan for four-laning U.S. 67 through LeClaire, Rep. Edgar Holden, R-Mount Joy, announced Sunday.

The latest proposal calls for removal of business buildings and other structures along the east side of the present U.S. 67 route through the town to provide the corridor for the northbound lanes of the divided highway.

The present location of U.S. 67 would be improved to form the southbound lanes, Holden said.

An earlier plan to widen the present highway, leaving business buildings intact, drew vigorous protests from businessmen and townspeople. They pointed out that the proposal advanced by IHC engineers would deprive businesses of access to the highway, virtually eliminate parking facilities and isolate property between the highway and the Mississippi River.

After a public hearing, the IHC withdrew the original plan and proposed retaining U.S. 67 as a two-lane highway through LeClaire, linking with four-lane segments to the north and south.

This also was unsatisfactory to LeClaire residents who pointed out the town section would become a traffic bottleneck and congested traffic would create hazards and have a detrimental effect on business.

The latest proposal, which would amount almost to an urban renewal program, has been endorsed by the LeClaire Town Council and most businessmen, Holden said.

Businesses taken over for the highway right-of-way would be compensated for their properties thus providing relocation funds, Holden explained.

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MR. M. A. FULTON ...continued

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Mr. Fulton was active in Masonic affairs, having served as master of Snow Lodge in LeClaire. He was also a member of Zarephath Consistory of Davenport.

A REPUBLICAN

On December 16, 1966, Mr. Fulton was honored for 50 years of service in Masonry as a member of Snow Lodge. A 50-year certificate was presented to him at a dinner-recption in the LeClaire Masonic Temple.

In politics, Mr. was a republican and a leader of the Scott County organization.

Members of the party recognized his judgment in state and national affairs and looked to him for counsel in such matters.

In his years of newspapering, he trained many young reporters who went to metropolitan newspapers fields. He was constantly mindful of problems confronting those new in the field, and knowledge gained from his own personal experiences was passed on graciously to younger people.

Because of constant alertness to the community and office happenings, he was seldom caught off guard.

One exception was that of the celebration of Mr. Fulton's 50th anniversary with The Times. Plans went forward about him. He admitted surprise when he was "scooped" by his own newspaper staff on the day of his golden anniversary party.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton have a son, John, operator of Fulton's Printer's, Bettendorf, and a daughter Mrs. Wendell (Ruth) Porter, Rockford.

March 5, 1967

ERNEST SCHAEFER

Mr. Schaeffer was born in Princeton in 1893. He worked for Lund's Garage for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer had a daughter, Mrs. Harold R. Bird, Atwood, Ill., and three grandchildren.

August 1967 - TWINS NOTE 83RD BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Herman Dittmer, LeClaire and John Mohlmann, Princeton, are twins celebrating their 83rd birthday anniversaries today.

The celebrants were born August 22, 1884, in Butler township, the children of Mr. and Mrs. George Alvena Molhmann.

Mr. Mohmann has resided in Princeton for 50 years. He was born in Butler township, before retiring, he had been a sexton for Salem Lutheran and Oakridge Cemeteries, both in Princeton. Mr. Mohlmann died Sept. 25, 1967.

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by Bill Wundram
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(Times-Democrat)

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TUESDAY, APRIL 12 1966

12:30 P.M.

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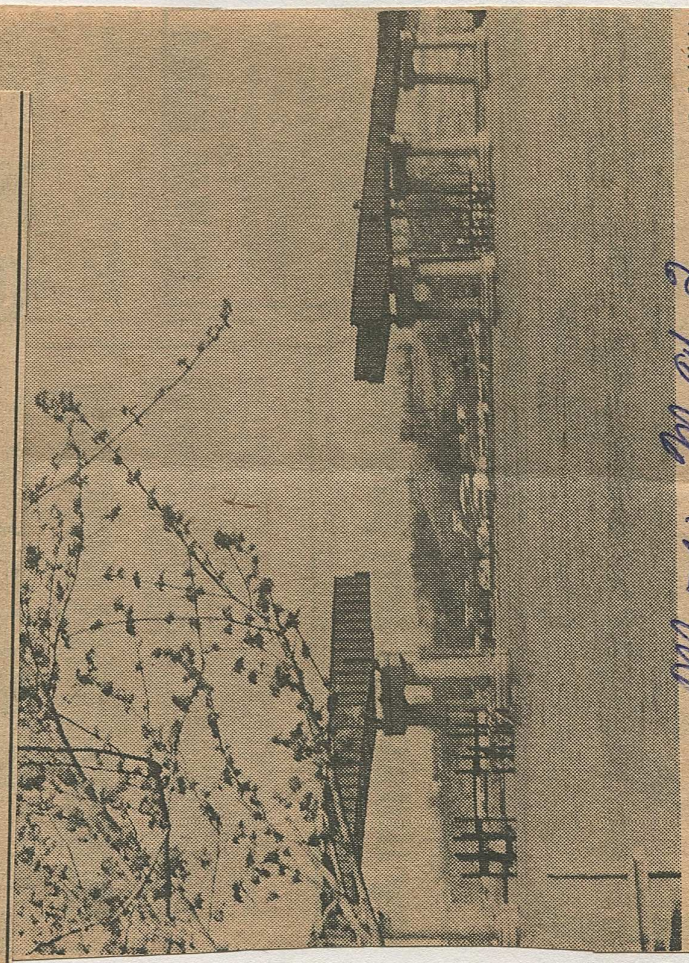

Mon May 2 1966

By Rod Vahl

Girders Stretch Across River

Girders reach out from the center supports of the new Interstate 80 bridge over the Mississippi River near LeClaire. Steel for the midsection of the span over the navigation channel will be transported by barge and hoisted into position instead of being moved in from the bridge deck. The river link between the Iowa and Illinois segments of I-80 is scheduled for completion this fall.

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You Can Walk In Cody's Footsteps

The first public tour of the Buffalo Bill Cody boyhood home is planned for Sunday afternoon, May 21.

Touches of long ago will be added to the occasion when members of the Save Our Landmarks organization will serve fragrant gingerbread, baked in the century-plus old kitchen fireplace of the Cody home.

On a hillside will be an encampment of "Indians." They will be portrayed, in Sac and Fox dress, by Boy Scouts who are interested in Indian lore.

Other youngsters, in dress of the 1850s, will be planting a garden in the exact spot where Buffalo Bill Cody, as a youngster, tended a patch of squash, okra, potatoes and corn.

During the open house, a ceremony of transfer of the property to Save Our Landmarks will be made.

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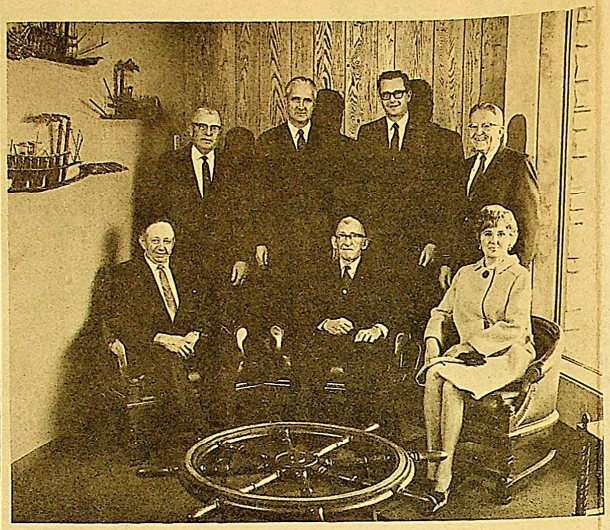

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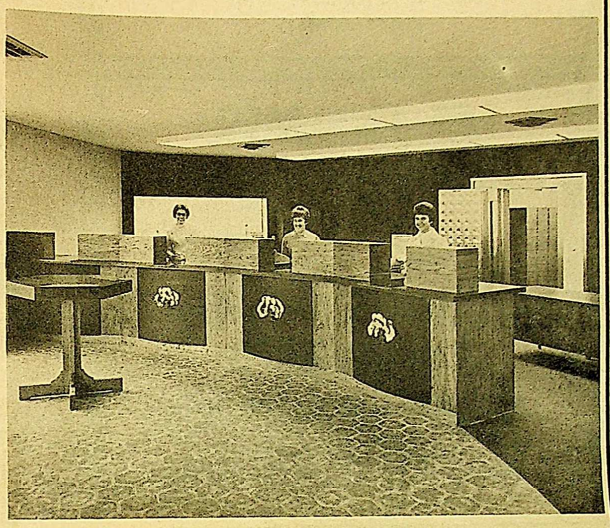

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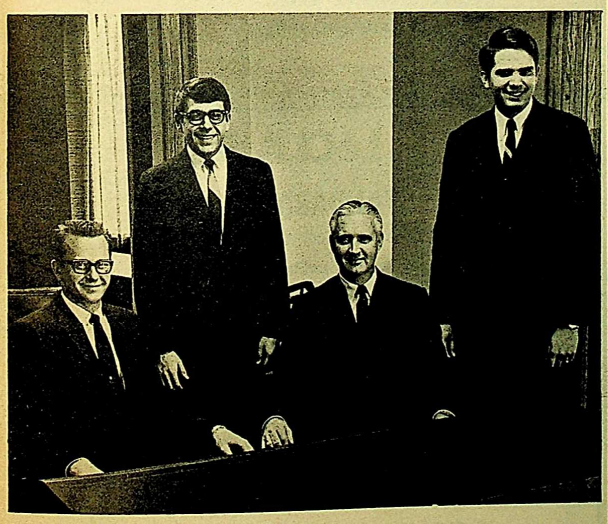

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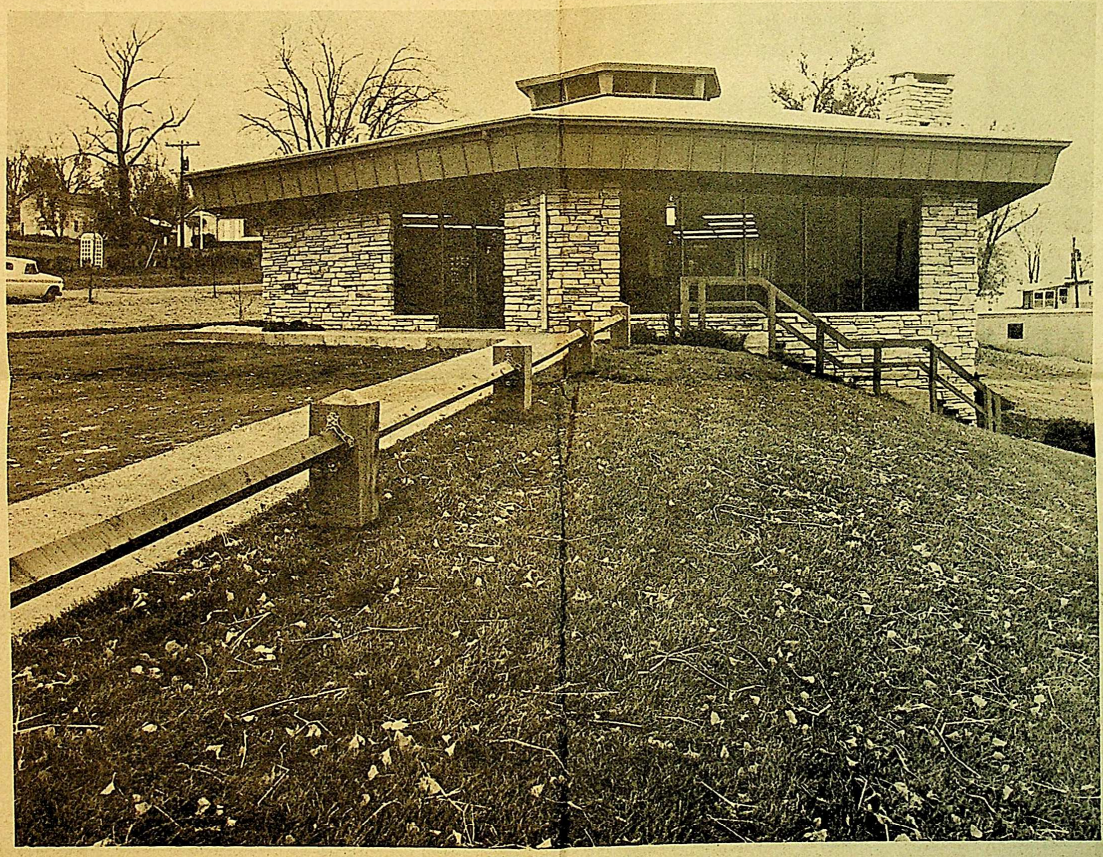

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Charles F. Rook was born in LeClaire, Dec. 24,1879, the son of Capt. John Rook, an early pioneer Mississippi River steamboat captain, and Mrs. Rook.

He married Effie L. Marshall in Davenport, Dec. 14, 1924. She died March 17, 1966.

Until his retirement in 1938, Mr. Rook was employed in the U.S. Engineers Clock Tower, Rock Island, serving 26 years.

He was veteran of World War I, serving with the army in the 25th Co. of the 20th Engineers.

October 23, 1967

GEORGE W. MESS

George W. Mess was a life resident of Scott County. He was born in LeClaire in 1879, and he married Martha McKnight there in 1912. She died in 1960.

He was a retired Scott County farmer. The Mess' children are a daughter, Mrs. Lester (Alberta) Littrel; a son, Eldon J. both of Princeton; 13 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

September 6, 1967

MR. AND MRS. HERMAN KROEGER

Herman Kroeger was born in Princeton, Oct.29, 1878, and married Clarissa Wilson in Argo in 1902. She died in 1953.

Mr. Kroeger was a well known retired Scott County farmer.

He was a charter member of the Farm Bureau, a 50 year member of Snow Lodge AF & AM, and past president of the American Mutual Insurance Co., LeClaire.

The Kroeger's are survived by two daughters, Mrs. DeWitt (Edyth) Bragonier, LeClaire, and Mrs. Orville (Elaine) Stewart, LeClaire; a son, Ellwyn; nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

November 25, 1967

RAYMOND HAMILTON

Mr. Hamilton was born in LeClaire in 1897 in LeClaire. He married Gladys R. Elliott in Princeton in 1930.

He had been a farmer and also ran a bulk milk route for 20 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are parents of Mrs. Harold (Margaret) Anderson, and James A. both of Princeton; and they have eight grandchildren.

November 16, 1967

MR. AND MRS. JOHN MCKNIGHT

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Mr. John McKnight was born in Princeton July 15,1885. He married Miss Mabel Speer in Davenport March 2, 1910.

He was a well known life resident and farmer of Scott County.

DR. AND MRS. GEORGE CUSICK

A reception November 11 at the Outing Club, Davenport, will honor Dr. and Mrs. George Cusick on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Miss Ethel May Greenfield and Dr. Cusick were married Nov. 10, 1917, in LaFayette, Ind.

They have one daughter, Mrs. T. R. Sterrett, and one grandchild.

(Dr. Cusick practiced medicine in Princeton 1920-1942.)

January 7, 1968

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS FLETCHER

Mr. Fletcher was born in Princeton township August 23, 1882. He married Miss Maude Porter here in 1905.

He was a retired farmer and a life resident of this area. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher's children are , Mrs. Archie (Marie) Carter and sons, Vallie and Erwin. They had seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

January 16, 1968

ELMER GRAHAM

Mr. Graham was born in Argo in 1887. He spent most of his life in Scott County and was a retired farmer. His children were: Leonard and Melvin and he had one grandson.

January 25, 1968

MR. AND MRS. LUDY ANDERSON

Mr. Anderson was born in LeClaire 1898 and was a life resident of Scott County. He married Belle M. Stewart in 1922, in Davenport.

He had been employed at J.I. Case Co., in Bettendorf, until retiring in 1962. He was also a former member of the Princeton Town Council.

Mr. Anderson was a veteran of World War I.

Their children are; Mrs. Verna Schutters and a son, Walter. They had three grandchildren.

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Feb 8 1968

Highway 67 Proposal Touches Commerce, History in LeClaire

LeClaire businessmen and civic leaders are worried about the state's plans to widen Highway 67 through this historic river town's business district.

Through an attorney, the LeClaire Businessmen's association expressed its fears at a public hearing held in Camanche last Thursday and conducted by representatives of the Iowa Highway Commission.

How parking will be affected, what buildings will be eliminated, and the possible effects on business activity and what will happen to an already weak tax structure are among the questions the association has raised.

As one businessman stated, "If they widen the highway and take the parking, we may as well fold our business right now."

Gordon Pelo, who with his wife Pat, has operated Pelo's Sundries for many years said, "It's too early to tell, until the highway commission is more specific about the width of the right of way, just what we will do."

Bernard Bennett, who is active in the volunteer fire department and a member of the town's planning and zoning board, agreed with Pelo that no one can say anything definite until the highway department makes public more specific plans than those given at the Camanche hearing. Bennett operates the Green Tree Printery.

Davenport attorney, Bud de Silva who maintains an office at the LeClaire State bank, will represent the LeClaire Businessmen's association in any action with the highway commission.

Mayor Norm Meinert is scheduled to meet with association members at their February meeting. The mayor said highway commission members he talked to would not commit themselves as to what buildings would be taken if the highway is widened here.

They did indicate, however, the route would eliminate the curves on both ends of town where there were a total of 12 accidents last year, according to Meinert. He also stated he would "do his utmost to protect the interests of LeClaire businessmen and residents in highway dealings."

On the LeClaire section of new highway, a 49-foot width would be installed, providing four lane traffic. Traffic on this section is estimated by the highway commission to average 2,800 vehicles per day by 1969 and increase to 4,500 vehicles per day by 1989. The estimated cost for the 4.72 miles of local right-of-way is $783,500; grading and structures $419,000, and paving and miscellaneous, $1,351,700, for a total cost of $2,555,000.

The entire highway 67 project presented at the Camanche meeting extends from the U.S. route's junction with highway 417 near the Alcoa plant in Riverdale as far north as highway 67's junction with U.S. Highway 30 outside Camanche. Actual construction work is not scheduled until 1971, for completion in 1972.

The route would be a four-lane highway to about two miles south of Princeton, and no major relocation of the

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LOCATION: 1/2 mile South of Hanover on Route 84. Follow the Green Arrows.

SAT., DEC. 28, 1968 - TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Lunch Stand By Hanover Scenic Grange

MACHINERY: IHC M tractor with loader, good rubber; NH 330 Manure spreader, 135 bu.; IHC 242 corn planter with power hill drop and fertilizer attachment; IHC 2-16 plow; Case 3-14 plow; 2 row stalk cutter; 2 wagon gears, rubber, with flare boxes, 15" tires; NI 1 row corn picker, with reverse gear box; 3 section steel drag; 4 section wood drag; IHC 8' tandem disc; IHC 7' tandem disc; 10' single disc; Case 8' disc, with clutch; Harvey, grain and hay elevator, with 2-8' sections; IHC 7' mower; 2 IHC rakes; Sears 11" hammermill; IHC manure spreader on steel; 18" blower, with 100' pipe and elbows; 2 wheel trailer, with 8'x4' box; IHC stationary haybaler; 2 bar, 14' harrow attachment for disc; Belle City threshing machine, with belts; Junk Rumely threshing machine; fertilizer spreader; corn sheller; TSC weed sprayer, with tank, hand gun, nozzles.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS & ANTIQUES: Coldspot 22 cu. ft. freezer; Admiral (dual temp) 19 cu. ft. frostless refrigerator with top freezer comp.; Maytag wringer-washer; Perfection oil heater; Setchell Carlson 21" TV, with windgard antenna; 3 piece living room set; Dining room set, with buffet, table, 6 chairs and mirror; Portable sewing machine; platform and swivel chairs; 3 office swivel chairs; 2 filing cabinets, writing desk; Sun porch couches; 4 bedsteads, 2 dressers; 12 guage single shot, shot gun; Man's fur coat and rain suit; dishes, silverware and electric appl.; mirrors, rugs, misc. items; sausage grinder, lard press and stuffer; dressers and commodes; side board and mirror; lanterns and lamps; braket lamp, with reflector; cabinet, crocks, flat irons, stone jars; brown jugs, black crocks, copper boilers; cupboard, with glass doors; 2 cast iron kettles; piano stool; breech loading 12 gauge shot gun; 1839 violin and wooden case, hand made; wardrobe; hand corn planter, with plate, 2 tine hay fork; nail puller, walking plow, wooden planes; ice cream freezer, 5 gal. oil cans; double cherry pitter, candle mold and holder; walnut wash stand; gas mantle lamp, with new mantle pump, 60 yrs. old; 1893 new Goodrich sewing machine; hand towel roller; beaded shoulders

NEW ROOFING & LUMBER: 84 she roofing, 6', 8' & 10' lengths, new; & 10' lengths; 190'-5" galvanized ea 50 pieces cured walnut lumber, 8 length and sizes; 23 sheets asbestos pre-finished oak flooring, new; 20 sheets ventilated steel siding; 225 wo

January 27, 1968

MRS. WILBERT KROEGER

Bertha E. Wiese was born in Eldridge in 1914 and was a life resident of Scott County. She married Mr Wilbert Kroeger in 1943 in Davenport.

She was a first and second grade teacher at Princeton Elementary School. She also was a past matron of Silver Creek Chapter No. 302, Order of Eastern Star, LeClaire.

Mr. and Mrs. Kroeger have a daughter, Kim.

May 21, 1968

MR. AND MRS. RALPH BROWN

Mr. Ralph A. Brown was born in Princeton in 1879. He married Miss Catherine O. Wilson in LeClaire in 1903. She died in 1966.

Mr. Brown was a retired farmer and a director of the Princeton Farmer's Savings Bank for many years.

Mr. Brown had been an elder in the Argo United Presbyterian Church.

Their children are daughters, Mrs. Edgar (Rachel) Holden and Mrs. Logan (Sarah) Clanton and they had two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

VALENTINE TEA, BAKE SALE TO RAISE FUNDS

The Princeton Women's Civic Club held a money making Valentine Tea and Bake Sale on Wednesday, February 14. The newly formed organization is raising money for civic improvements. Pictured behind the tea table are, from left to right, Pat Billups, JoAnne Hamilton, President of the club; Lenora Inman, Treasurer and Lois Havenhill, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee.

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SANDBAGGED HIS WAY TO THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

Sandbags, 35,000 of them, helped Paul E. Inman of Princeton, Iowa to become the nation's youngest mayor at 24, but he still shudders when he recalls that the town had no money to pay for them.

Now 26 and in his second term as mayor, the slim, boyish-looking Inman was Princeton's Civil defense director during the great Mississippi River flood of 1965.

Though there were ominous reports that a great flood was coming that spring, Inman said no one in Princeton seemed concerned and no action was taken by the previous administration. But Inman for saw great damage if dikes weren't built.

"I went over their heads and ordered sandbags and made arrangements for the kids to be released from school to help fill them. A lot of people thought I was making a big mistake," Inman, a former Davenporter, recalls.

He had some qualms and self-doubts, too, when 35,000 sandbags were delivered, along with a bill for $5,000.

I didn't know where in the world we would get the money, but I knew we had to have the sandbags. And then I was bailed out when the federal government declared the flood a national disaster and assumed the cost of them," Inman says.

"He's the one who saved our fine homes along the river," one resident says.

With the help of teens and farmers, as well as townspeople, a two block long dike from one-and-a-half to five feet high was constructed. For days it held back five feet of surging water.

When one large home outside the dike area was surrounded, Inman dispatched a boat with a pump to flush out 15,000 gallons of water an hour.

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Inman, who works the night shift at the Alcoa plant, was no stanger to civic affairs. Earlier, in 1964, he had taken an active part, in a fight to build an Elementary school in Princeton, rather than in the rural North Scott area.

He placed ads warning that children in an isolated school would be unprotected in the event of an emergency such as fire or tornado.

Inman has also been active in Boy Scout work, drawing on his own experience as a scout.

Many people were impressed by the way he handled the flood emergency, and he was approached to run for mayor against John R. Suiter, who had held the post for 10 years.

"My first reaction was to wonder if I had enough time. I had my regular job and a young family, and I thought maybe they should find someone who was older.But finally I agreed ro run," Inman says. His opponent was many years his senior, "about the age most mayors are, "he explains.

When the returns were counted, he had won by a margin of two-to-one. When he ran for his second term, Suiter was his opponent again. This time, Inman compiled a three-to-one margin of victory.

Elected with him the first time were three new councilmen. Most of the councilmen were older than Inman, but he says they have worked in harmony and made much progress.

As mayor. Inman is automatically an honorary member of the volunteer fire department, but he takes his calls seriously and responds to calls whenever he's available.

Last fall he climbed a ladder to the flame and smoke-choked second floor of a burning home in a vain attempt to rescue and revive a small child. Inman got the child out and gave it resuscitation, but it died.

In his carr, equipped with two-way rqdios on the sheriff's band, Inman still attends to the duties of the Civil Defense organization in Princeton.

"Being a mayor has been quite an education. I hold mayor's court, so I've had to learn a good deal about the law. This is a job that has to be done and you can put as much or as little of yourself into it as you want. You can slide by without giving it much attention, or make it an almost full-time-job," he says.

Inman estimates he sends at least four or five hours a day attending to his mayoral duties. He applauds the trend toward younger people entering public office.

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"I feel we are definitely moving here now and the next few years will see some tremendous changes. I believe that's because we've made the town more attractive and a number of sub-dividers are interested in building here now. The town's population may double.

"We stood still for about 10 years, and didn't grow at all. We have attracted some new people recently and our population is over 600. The rerouting of the new Highway 67 behind the town is going to help," Inman feels.

"We've established a new park since I've been mayor. You just can't attract young families unless you have adequate recreation areas, and, of course, we have fine boating and fishing on the river."

Requests have been made to the Corps of Engineers and Conservation Commissions for permission to build a 200-foot breaker out from River Drive to establish a safe harbor for boats. A boat launching area is also planned, and an option has been taken on land for that purpose.

A repaving program begun two years ago, adding two inches of blacktop and eliminating a yearly sealcoating-over-gravel program.

In 1959, Inman married the former Lenore Winfield of Blue Grass when she was 16 and he was 18. They moved to Princeton after their marriage, and both completed their senior years at North Scott High School.

September 5, 1968

MRS. BEN H. SHAW

Helen M. Peters was born in Port Byron in 1906. She married Mr. Shaw there in 1926. She resided in Princeton 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw's children are; Mrs. William H.(Rose) Barlon and Mrs. Sam (Lois) Havenhill and a son, Ben L. They have five grandchildren,

October 28, 1968

MR. AND MRS. DAVID KENNETH ADAMS

Mrs. Adams, the former Esther Bammer , was born in LeClaire, in 1896. Mr. Adams was born in Rock Island county Feb. 20, 1897. They were married in Viola, Ill. June 7 1930.

Mrs. Adams was a life resident of Princeton and LeClaire areas.

Mr Adams had farmed in Hillsdale, Ill. 13 years before moving to Princeton. He retired in 1967. He was a member of Philo Masonic Lodge, AF & AM, Port Byron, a life member of the Farm bureau, and an honorary member of the Tri-City Rose and Garden Club. Mr. Adams died Feb. 17 of this year.

Their children are; Mrs. Myron (Sue Ann) Suiter; and a son, David M. They had three grandchildren.

November 20, 1968

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD LUND

Mr. Lund was born in Moline in 1900. He married Elsie Holst June 16, 1923, in Davenport. She died in 1962.

Mr. Lund was a farmer in Scott County. He was a trustee of Salem Lutheran Cemetery and was a member of the Princeton Odd Fellows and Davenport Eagles Lodge.

They had one daughter, Mrs. Jack (Bernice) Hogren and two grandchildren.

March 28, 1969

MR. AND MRS. JAMES W. DOYLE

Mr. Doyle was born in Scott County in 1877. He married Ella McKinney in Long Grove Feb. 18, 1903. She died in 1963.

Mr. Doyle was a farmer, retiring in 1950.

Survivor include sons, William, Raymond , and Lester, all of Princeton; Francis and Vincent, both of Eldridge; daughters, Mrs. Ed (Marie) Wisor, and Mrs. Roy (Viola) Strabbe, 26 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

THE GUARD Comes To Town

PHOTOS BY MAX WINTER

Iowa National Guard endloaders were busy for several days constructing a huge earthen dike along River Drive in Princeton.

By JIM ARPY

Princeton, Iowa residents last week all but adopted the 22 men of an Iowa National Guard engineering battalion sent there to erect a huge earthen dike against the coming flood.

The group, under command of Capt. Edward Walsh of Fairfield and Lt. Francis Maxwell, is Co. A of the 224th Engineering Battalion, based in Burlington.

They are the only National Guard engineering battalion in the state, and the first group of men called up for flood work this year.

The men set up quarters in Princeton's Odd Fellows Hall, which quickly took on the aspects of a barracks, complete with metal bunks, duffel bags, and assorted military gear, including field phones.

Using their own trucks, endloaders and bulldozer, the Guardsmen were erecting a massive earthen dike down a portion of Princeton's River Dive, an area of serious flooding in 1965.

The dike is approximately 1,400 feet long

Staff Sgt. Richard Heidbreder, Fort Madison, set up this impromptu "service station" for National Guard equipment, calling it "Dick's Truck Stop."

Bulldozers and endloaders have converted a portion of River Drive into a dike 1400 feet long and from eight to ten feet high.

and from 8 to 10 feet high. Guard trucks, loaded with brown dirt, rumbled constantly back and forth to a quarry north of Princeton.

"The hospitality has been great, Sergeant First Class Richard Adolphson said. "The people haven't been able to do enough for us." As he was talking, a woman who operates a drug store arrived with a box of brownies. "for you men to have with your coffee."

A majority of the Guardsmen are between 25 and 35 years of age. The oldest man on duty in Princeton was 56.

The Guardsmen began their day at 6:15

Residents living along Princeton's River Drive gathered on lawns and porches to watch the guardsmen at work. Nine-year-old Doug Ruefer was an interested spectator.

Little Princeton Hosts Engineers Who Are Building A Dike To Save The River Community From Flood 1969

a.m. and worked on the dike until near dark.

"We eat in a family style restaurant next door and the food is the best the Guard ever put out, all you can eat," Adolphson said.

The Guardsmen represent a wide range of occupations, from Burlington ammunition plant security guards, to farmers, truck drivers and machinists.

Many of them spent five weeks building dikes and sandbag levees during the 1965 Mississippi River flood. They expect to stay in Burlington where high crests are predicted.

The Guardsmen interrupted their dike building briefly one day last week to help the Princeton volunteer fire department put out a large brush fire.

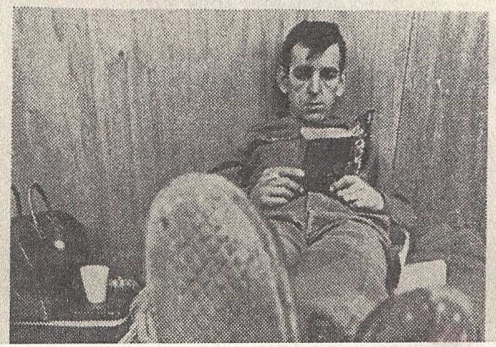
After working all day on the dike, the Guardsmen relaxed by watching tv, playing pool in various places, or drinking beer in several taversn.

Their equipment included four five-ton trucks, eight two-and-a-half ton trucks, one large Caterpillar tractor, and three endloaders.

One problem developed when an endloader slipped off the top of the earthen dike and sat at a precarious angle until it could be winched into proper position.

"We'll be on duty for flood work as long as we're requested, possibly until the river returns to normal," Adolphson said.

After a hard day's work on the Princeton dike, Staff Sgt. Dean Riley of Fairfield relaxed with a book. The men were quartered in the Odd Fellows Hall



The 22 members of the Iowa National Guard who were assigned to build the Princeton dike represent the only engineering battalion in the Guard. Many saw duty in the 1965 Mississippi River flood.

Master Sgt. Mark Miller chats with some of the patrons in a Princeton store. The townspeople provided the men with snacks and cookies.

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Train Kills Wife of Banker

PRINCETON — Mrs. Glen H. Suiter, 45, Princeton, wife of a prominent Scott county banker, was killed by a train shortly before noon Wednesday as she was preparing for a boat trip to Wisconsin.

Relatives said Mrs. Suiter and her husband, who is president of the Farmers Savings Bank of Princeton and the LeClaire State Bank, had planned to leave on the family's cruiser about noon for the Wisconsin trip.

Grace Ulrich, the Suiter's housekeeper, said Mrs. Suiter either walked into the side of the diesel engine, or was pulled-ed into it by the suction created by the speed of the train.

Miss Ulrich said she and Mrs. Suiter were on the cruiser packing for the trip when Mrs. Suiter decided to return to the house for additional articles.

The railroad tracks are between the home and the boat dock.

The Milwaukee Road freight train of about 20 cars was en route from Savanna, Ill., to Davenport. The train crew was unaware of the accident and did not stop until the train was flagged down in Bettendorf.

Ruth Ann Swallum was born in Des Moines. She married Mr. Suiter Sept. 2, 1944, in New Orleans.

She received an associate of arts degree from Stephens college, Columbia, Mo., and a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Iowa, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

She was also a member of the K.U. chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and the Princeton Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Suiter is survived by her husband; three daughters, Sarah and Jane, at home, and Anne, a student at the University of Iowa; a son, Steve, a student at Denison university, Granville, Ohio, and her mother, Mrs. P. W. Swallum, Princeton.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the McGinnis chapel, Bettendorf. Burial will be in Glendale cemetery, LeClaire.

Visitation is at the mortuary after 7 p.m. today.

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Train Mishap Victim Services Are Friday

Services for Mrs. Glen H. Suiter, 45, of Princeton, who was killed by a train shortly before noon Wednesday near her home, will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the McGinnis Chapel, Bettendorf. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery, LeClaire.

Visitation is after 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Suiter, the former Ruth Ann Swallum, was born in Des Moines. She was married to Mr. Suiter Sept. 2, 1944, in New Orleans, La. He is president of the Farmers Savings Bank of Princeton and the LeClaire State Bank.

Mrs. Suiter received an associate of arts degree from Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., and a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Iowa, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

She also was a member of the K. U. chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and the Princeton Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband; daughters, Sarah and Jane, both at home, and Anne, a student at the University of Iowa; a son, Steve, a student at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, and her mother, Mrs. T. W. Swallum, Princeton.

Memorials may be made to the Princeton Presbyterian Church.

Father Conrad Is Pastor

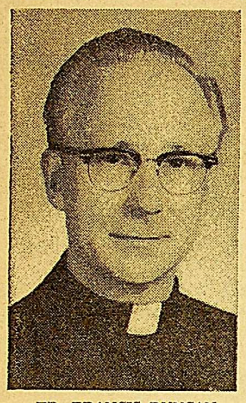
Two River Parishes Become One

By CHARLES ROBERTS

PRINCETON—Two rural parishes which have served Catholics in the Princeton-LeClaire area for decades will be no more as of this Sunday.

St. James parish here and St. Henry's at LeClaire are being dissolved by order of Bishop Gerald O'Keefe.

They will be merged into Our Lady of the River parish by order of the Bishop at the urging of the people of both areas. The parish is bordered on the East by the Mississippi River.



FR. FRANCIS DUNCAN
Leaving St. Henry's

FR. ANTHONY CONRAD
River parish pastor

Father Anthony L. Conrad, who has been an instructor at St. Ambrose Academy and its successor, Assumption high school for 18 years will put his gradebook away for good and take up pastoral duties full-time. He has been administrator of St. James parish in Princeton for several years, a mostly weekend assignment.

Father Francis W. J. Duncan, a history instructor at St. Ambrose College and former colleague of Fr. Conrad during the St. Ambrose Academy days, has been relieved of the LeClaire pastorate but will continue as a teacher at the Davenport college.

Fr. Conrad points with pride to the incentive of the parishioners at both parishes.

The People's Idea

"The idea to merge the parishes belonged to the people," he claimed.

"They went to the bishop and suggested the merger plan." Diocesan officials earlier thought such an idea had merit, but felt it would be best to move slowly—until the parishioners, themselves, advanced the plan.

"We will have one of everything instead of two," Fr. Conrad said. "There will be one parish council and all the other church organizations will be united. Our first merged parish council session is set for Monday."

St. James parish was established in 1924 and St. Henry's dates back to 1935. Separate facilities have been maintained in LeClaire and Princeton since that time. The two towns are separated by only a few miles on Route 67 in Northern Scott County.

The parish population at St. James is 172 people in 39 families. St. Henry's is slightly larger: 80 families and 297 people.

There is little question that Our Lady of the River parish will be "people centered."

'Let Me Serve'

Recalling the formation of the parish, Fr. Conrad said, "I went to the bishop and asked him to let me serve the people of both parishes. How I would serve them would be up to the parishioners themselves."

At present, plans call for a three-Mass schedule divided between the two churches: 7:30 a.m. at Princeton, 9:30 at LeClaire and the 11:30 a.m. Mass will be at Princeton.

The use of two churches implies a lot of travelling. In fact, Father Conrad's tenure at Our Lady of the River will obviously be one of mobility.

"I bought my 1968 car 10 months ago," he observed, "and already have 19,000 miles on it." His duties take him to the far corners of his 150 square mile parish.

The people are mostly rural with some city workers and Fr. Conrad likes that. He was born and raised in the small Iowa farming community of Dallas in 1924 and has been close to farming since then.

He feels he will need two years to reorganize the parish and to conduct a parish census. He also wants to organize a strong CCD program. The parish will have no school and already has 100 young people enrolled in religious education.

Where the pastor will live is still uncertain.

Somewhere In Between

"I would prefer living between Princeton and LeClaire, but that mater is entirely up to the people. Wherever they want me to live is fine with me. I only ask one thing: I want a house no better than the majority of the homes of my people."

He has a place to live right now.

"The house is a venerable slate-grey affair immediately across Route 67 from the sign saying 'Princeton' just South of the community as you approach from the South. It is on six acres of land and is across the yard from an octagonal barn of the same color. The place is my temporary home, until a decision can be made on a permanent site."

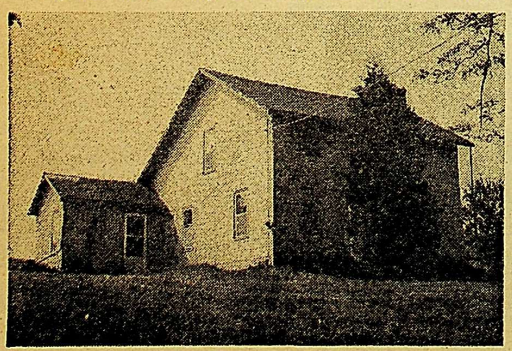
Much of the same thinking is reflected in the possibility of church construction. Fr. Conrad said a new church would be built if the people want one. He did admit it is difficult to see the two present structures accommodating many more people.

"This area is growing quickly," he added.

Father Conrad is enthusiastic about his new full-time assignment. He said he regrets having had to resign as chaplain of Loras Council of the Knights of Columbus in Davenport. "There just wouldn't have been enough time to do the council justice," he said.

His enthusiasm to make the merger work well is shared by his people, too.

"I see this as a perfect opportunity to make genuine use of the people in building a new parish," he said.

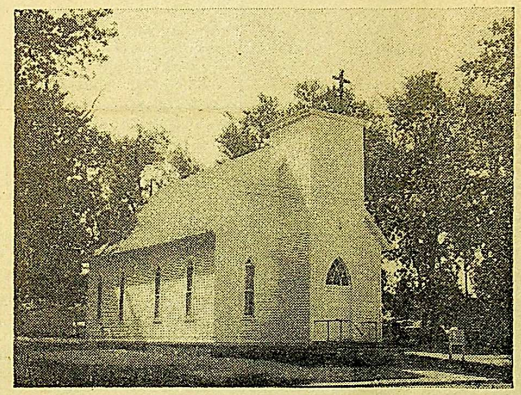


Temporary Home

This is the farmhouse Father Conrad will occupy until the parish makes a decision on permanent quarters for the pastor of their merged parish.

Half of New Parish

St. Henry's church in LeClaire has served area Catholics since 1935. Workmen are completing repairs ordered by the outgoing administrator, Father Francis Duncan.



The Other Half

Father Anthony Conrad has been administrator of St. James parish for a decade. He will continue to head the Princeton parish while also assuming the leadership of St. Henry's in neighboring LeClaire under a merged parish plan advanced by the people of both churches.

Veteran Priest Begins New Life As A Pastor

By CHARLES ROBERTS

Father Anthony L. Conrad, with two decades of priestly service behind him, last month began life as a full-time pastor. For the past 12 years he had served St. James parish in Princeton as a weekend pastor while devoting most of his time to teaching duties at Assumption high school.

While he has 18 years' experience as a high school teacher (and some 3,000 "alumni" of his mechanical drawing and woodworking classes — one of them the author of this article) his full-time pastoral experience is somewhat limited. Nonetheless, over the past 20 years he has been able to take a long view of pastoral work and a pastor's relationship with his people.

His ideas, presented in last week's Messenger *represented a fresh approach to the pastor — congregation relationship. So the* Messenger *decided to probe his philosophy more deeply this week.*

The new pastor of Our Lady of the River parish discussed the merger of St. James and St. Henry's parish in LeClaire into the new parish, and the ways his people took the initiative.

"It is the people who are the Church."

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ROBERTS — Where did the idea to combine the two parishes come from?

FR. CONRAD — The people of the two parishes came up with the idea themselves, as they began their meetings between the two parish councils. As they began to study the problems more and more — figuring out how to administer this two — parish affair, they came to the conclusion that we ought to go all the way and just have one parish.

They came up with a letter to the bishop. A committee from the two parishes drafted the letter, then I accompanied them to see the bishop.

ROBERTS — You said earlier that you went to the bishop alone one day and asked if you could serve in Princeton-LeClaire full time.

FR. CONRAD — Because of our commitment to the schools, neither Father (Francis) Duncan (of the St. Ambrose College history department) nor I could give the two parishes the attention they deserved. I know I have been trying for 12 years to serve the people right but I just found it impossible to be in Davenport and be in Princeton.

Father Anthony L. Conrad — now a full-time pastor.

ROBERTS — It seems to me that you are leaving a good deal of the life of the parish up to the people.

FR. CONRAD — The whole purpose of the parish council, it seems to me, is that the people are a full part of the parish. Two things that we have been trying to get through: first that we are a family - like community; and second that the pastor doesn't make the parish. It is the people who are the Church. If the people are the Church and if this is their parish, then their part in the decision-making ought to be genuine.

ROBERTS — So the people, in your eyes, have more of a function than merely praying, paying and obeying?

FR. CONRAD — That praying, paying and obeying, I'm afraid, is a little bit naive. First of all, it isn't life. Catholic life is a full life. And if we have adult people who live what they believe, you've got to expect them to live it. Parish life is living. If you're going to have a community you have to let people be a part of the community. You can't do this by saying 'follow the leader.' We've got to have lay leaders probably more than anything in the world.

"I still make too many of the decisions. . ."

We are set up to operate as a group, but always in conformity with canon law. Always with the advice and the final OK by the pastor. So these people are not out on a limb by themselves, they are working with their pastor.

ROBERTS — How about the people? Are they willing to accept more responsibility?

FR. CONRAD — I think that generally our people have to be trained to accept responsibility, to make decisions where they have not had the experience.

This is something that I have to learn, too. I still make too many of the decisions in some cases. But I think that we are emerging from a long period of a pastor - dominated Church. I think there was a time when this was important.

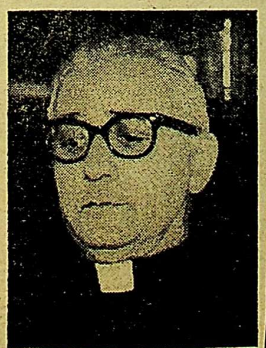
But we have been working so hard to educate our young people to think and to be Christian in their approach to life. Now it is time for them to apply this. I don't think we should be afraid of that.

I felt confident when approaching the bishop on this, that this would be a place where such a relationship would work out. I believe that, if we are going to save souls, the people really have to save their own souls, insofar as they work with Christ.

If I am going to be the thumb on the throttle at all times, how much opportunity will the people have to develop?

We eventually have to give our people an opportunity to be more than children. They have to gradually accept more adult life responsibility.

Maybe therein lies the cause of some of the riots and other disturbances we have today. We are still trying to control a different type of generation. We have got to understand what we have created. We have taught our people to think and to make their own personal commitment. Now, if we are going to back up and deny all that, then I think we have been acting a lie.



"We are still trying to control a different type of generation."

ROBERTS — As an example of how things work between you and your people, what about the matter of a church. Who will decide whether and where to build a new church to replace the Princeton and LeClaire buildings?

FR. CONRAD — It will have to be a full parish decision. The big areas of decision will have to be by an all-parish vote, although many decisions will be made by our parish council itself.

ROBERTS — What about permanent living quarters for yourself? You are renting a farmhouse just South of Princeton on Route 67, now, but what of the future?

FR. CONRAD — There is no question about it. The place where I live now just is not satisfactory. For one thing, we don't have the room we need for meetings. But where a new rectory is concerned, there will be no decision on my part. We have a finance committee, and it will be up to them to provide parish money. I can not see myself putting someone in debt because I have an idea (about living quarters).

"There is no question about it. . . . The place I live just isn't satisfactory."

Not being a married man and not having family responsibilities, my understanding of the cost of things is far from concrete.

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The relationship of Fr. Conrad to his people is a marriage bright with promise, summed up best, perhaps, by his comment that "I'm mighty glad to be here."

IHC, LeClaire Seek Route Pact Today

By WILLIAM RYBERG

Officials of the Iowa Highway Commission (IHC) and the Town of LeClaire will attempt to reach accord today on the routing of an expanded U.S. 67 — the only major highway directly serving the community and a point of longstanding dispute.

Howard Gunnerson, IHC chief engineer, and LeClaire Mayor Norman Meinert expressed hope Tuesday that an agreement would be reached at a meeting scheduled this afternoon in the LeClaire Town Hall.

SOME businessmen and other residents were also expected to attend the session between the Town Council and a group of IHC officials expected to include Gunnerson and Joseph Coupal, director of highways.

For more than two years, the IHC and the town have exchanged proposals and counter proposals over the routing.

Differences now center on two proposed routes:

— **One favored by town officials**, businessmen and other residents which follows the existing highway along the Mississippi Rver.

— **An IHC proposal which** would pass through a partially undeveloped and partially residential section of town roughly along Seventh Street extended.

Meinert and Gene Holst, president of the LeClaire Businessmen's Assn., said there are several objections to the Seventh Street corridor:

— **Children would have to** cross the busy highway (Bridge Street) to go to Bridgeview School. According to Meinert, the town would have to pay for the installation of any crossing signals.

— **The town would be** roughly cut in half with the major residential portion on the opposite side of the highway from the downtown business area.

— **There would be limited** access to the highway in the town proper — entrances each at the extreme north and south limits and three entrances throughout the rest of the town, Holst said.

— **Fire and police services** to areas to the west of the highway might be hampered.

Gunnerson said the IHC favors the Seventh Street route because it would be cheaper to construct than the downtown route.

He said the estimated cost of the Seventh Street highway was placed at $2,065,000, while the downtown route was estimated to cost $3,164,000.

As proposed by town officials, construction of the four-lane divided highway through the downtown area would include the removal of businesses and public buildings on the east side of U.S. 67.

Holst said between 15 to 18 businesses would be removed as well as the Town Hall, fire station, civic center and a Masonic lodge.

HOLST said the majority of businessmen whose buildings would be demolished have agreed that the plan "would be the best for the town and themselves in the long run."

Meinert said town officials would be willing to give up present public buildings to accommodate the proposed highway.

The mayor also said the town's comprehensive plan "is built around" locating U.S. 67 through the downtown area.

The Seventh Street corridor would "throw the whole plan, which has been 18 months in the making, out the window," Meinert said.

BUT Gunnerson said the IHC feels the cost of acquiring and removing the downtown buildings would be too high.

He said the original IHC proposal was for a four-lane undivided highway which could have been built without the need for widening the right-of-way to the extent of removing buildings. Cost of that route was placed at $1,283,000.

However, objections were raised to that proposal because the road would have taken up most downtown parking space.

Holst said a westerly route which would have skirted the town was suggested but IHC turned it down as not feasible.

Gunnerson said the westerly route would have created problems of curving the bypass to join other portions of U.S. 67. He said also a westerly bypass would not serve the traffic intended to be accommodated by the highway.

A PUBLIC hearing on relocation of the corridor has been scheduled for July 16. However, IHC officials have said that the hearing will probably be postponed if agreement is not reached today.

The dispute over the location of U.S. 67 through the town has drawn attention up to the state level.

The disagreement was cited as "a prime example" of reasons the IHC has made changes in its five-year construction program during meeting of the interim ing study subcommit the House and Senate portation Committees.

Hope to Extend Phone Service Before 1970

Dec 1967

by Vivian Hemken

Patience was recommended by Russell Enyeart, manager of the LeClaire-Princeton exchanges of the United Telephone Company of Iowa, to those waiting for extended area service.

In an interview this week, Enyeart said that Bell Telephone Co. gave a projected date of 1970 for the joining of trunk lines from this area to Davenport. The United Telephone Company is attempting to gain a closer date, he reported.

Enyeart estimated cost to United for the additional service at between $200,000 and $300,000. There is a possibility of a new building to house the additional equipment to service the anticipated 30 to 40 new trunk lines the company feels will be needed.

There are at present about 1,200 phones, including extensions, being serviced by United in this area.

United hopes to establish all single-party lines in the towns, which would mean a possibility of discontinuing the automatic disconnect, which currently limits conversations to from 6 to 9 minutes on the phones. For rural customers there will be a choice of one-party or four-party phones, the manager stated.

Negotiations are continuing at present between the Bell system and United, Enyeart emphasized, to set the closest date possible for both companies to add the additional lines for the extended service.

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UNITED TELEPHONE CO. OF IOWA

LeCLAIRE - PRINCETON

United Telephone Company of Iowa, which serves some 46,000 customers in 53 Iowa communities, has filed increased rates for many of its services with the Iowa Commerce Commission.

The Company serves some 1200 customers at Princeton and LeClaire. However, less than 50 customers in the two communities, those with certain 'special' services such as "off-premise" extensions, will experience an increase in their monthly bill as a result of the filing. In fact, nearly 200 Princeton and LeClaire customers will receive a rate decrease when the Company's $.20 monthly charge for color telephones is eliminated as a part of the overall rate change. None of the new rates will be effective until late this year since they are subject to the review and approval of the Iowa Commerce Commission.

"The severe inflationary trend of the past few years compels us to increase our rates," H. R. Woodburn, Jr., Vice President and General Manager for United, said. "Our taxes, labor and material costs and interest rates are up substantially over those of just a few years ago. We must increase our rates in order to continue to finance replacements and improvements and provide the kind of service our customers need and expect."

United is currently engaged in a $700,000 construction program designed to provide its Princeton-LeClaire customers with extended service to Davenport - Bettendorf. "Local service rates at Princeton - LeClaire will be increased when extended service to Davenport-Bettendorf is completed," Woodburn stated. Increased rates for extended service were approved in a poll of customers taken in 1967.

Give Bank Building Contract

by Vivian Hemken

A milestone for both the town of LeClaire and LeClaire State bank will be reached when ground is broken for the new bank building. The Dean Frye Construction Co., of Davenport, has received the construction contract.

The Farmers Bank of LeClaire received a charter as an independent bank Dec. 1, 1966, at which time it changed its listing as a branch of the Farmers Bank of Princeton to "LeClaire State Bank." The LeClaire bank had existed as a branch bank since 1935. The town hasn't had it's own bank since it's "hey day" as a river town, in the mid-1800's.

Present directors include Ralph A. Brown, Mrs. William O'Malley, Wesley C. Schmalz, Herman D. Shaff, Glen H. Suiter, Robert D. Wells and Orville Stewart. Both banks retain the same officers, with Shaff, chairman of the board; Suiter, president; Schmalz, vice-president, and Eugene R. Holst, cashier.

The new building will be constructed of poured concrete with a stone veneer, and will include conference rooms, work area and storage rooms, a vault, and a drive-up window, a night depository, and four teller windows. The new building will hold all records of savings and checking accounts currently stored at the Princeton bank because of lack of space in the present LeClaire building.

The alarm system which will come from Diebold Company, of Des Moines, will be the most modern available, with a daylight hook-up at city hall.

An outside view of the building and a floor plan diagram may be seen at the bank. Kenneth Wagner did architectural work for the proposed building.

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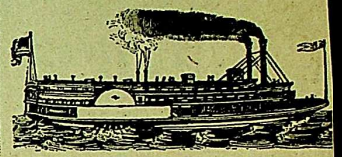
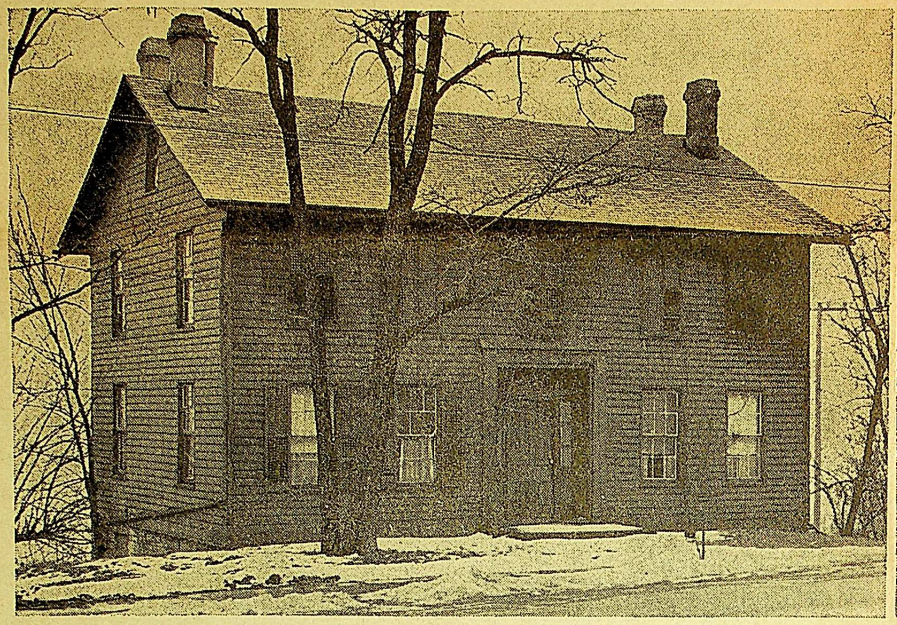
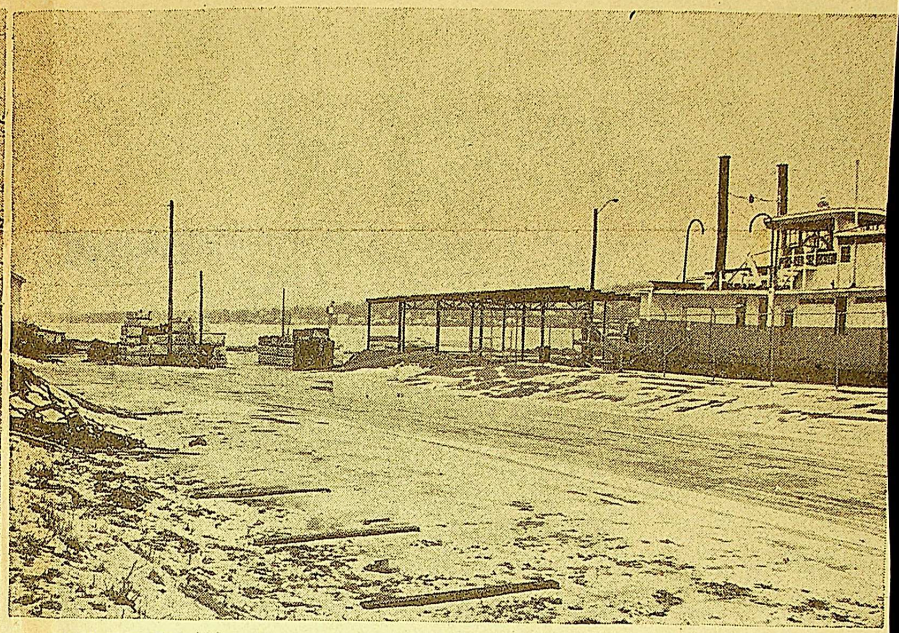


Winters, were busy at the LeClaire Boatyards. Here is a scene dated March 28, 1898. The boats on the ways for repairs are (from left) the Tenbroeck, the Eclipse, the Sam Atlee and the Lydia Van Sant. The 20 ship's carpenters employed in the yards pose in front of the boats.

When Steamboat Was King At LeClaire



The Van Sant family, operators of the LeClaire Boatyards, lived in this historic old home still standing in LeClaire. It's now owned by Fred Fedderson.



The LeClaire Boatyard was located in the riverfront section of LeClaire where the steamboat Lone Star is now permanently moored on dry land.

By JIM ARPY

Once the boat builders' saws screamed louder than the gulls along the Mississippi River waterfront in LeClaire, and the winches groaned as they drew ailing craft up the ways for repair.

But that was in a time long past, more than a century ago, and today nothing remains of one of the biggest, most bustling boatyards on the river, but the old house that served J. W. Van Sant, builder and superintendent, as home and office.

The firm was known originally as the Marine Railway Co. It was located along Reynolds Street on property now largely occupied by the LeClaire Manufacturing Co., maker of aluminum castings.

A faded piece of the old firm's stationery bears the legend, "Steamboats and barges built and repaired ... Wheels repaired day or night."

The first boatbuilding in LeClaire occurred in 1855 when Thomas Lancaster and Levi Chamberlin built some barges there. This gave some residents the idea to build permanent docks or ways where boats might be constructed or repaired.

The next year a new company, the Marine Railway, was formed by A. H. Davenport and R. H. Rogers. They completed a building and ways and turned out their first boat in September, 1856.

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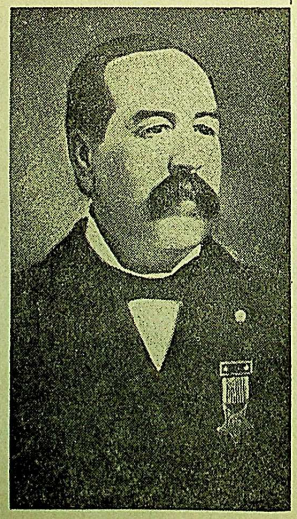
ALMOST IMMEDIATELY the boatyards became a leading LeClaire industry and continued to employ many people for years. Many of the boats whose names became part of the Mississippi River legend were put together in the LeClaire yards.

The ways were large enough to lift the biggest boats from the river. Cradles were inserted under the hulls and the boats were pulled up the inclined railway by a number of horse-drawn capstans with heavy cable gnarling around them.

By the time the ways were enlarged in 1869, they could accommodate four steamboats side by side. The yards performed all the work for the busy Northern Line Packets Co.

In 1861, John Van Sant, a ship builder and one of the first employes of the Weyerhaeuser & Denkmann Lumber Co. empire, moved to LeClaire from Rock Island. His responsibility had been the huge log rafts that were precariously floated down to area mills from the northern timberlands.

Van Sant bought an interest in the Marine Railway Co. and eventually became superintendent. His son, Samuel, later to serve two terms as governor of Minnesota, returned from the Civil War and learned the boat building business from his father.



Sam Van Sant, who went on to become governor of Minnesota, learned the boat-building trade from his father in the LeClaire yards.

In 1869, the father and son purchased the firm and renamed it "The LeClaire. Marine Railway and Lumber Co."

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MEN HAD dreamed of constructing a boat powerful enough to shepherd the huge log rafts on the long journey down the treacherous river. The first serious attempt to construct such a craft was made by Johnathan Zebley at LeClaire. He built it for Thomas Doughty in 1866.

The boat, dubbed "The LeClaire" cost Doughty $8,000 to build and was only partially successful. He made his initial trip from LeClaire to Stillwater, Minn. in May, 1866 with a crew of about 20 aboard.

The boat had many shortcomings and Doughty spent his entire fortune trying in vain to correct them. Van Sant and his son succeeded where Doughty had failed. Theirs was the first successful log steamer, a craft called "The J. W. Van Sant," which was launched in May, 1869.

So beneficial was the use of steam power to the logging interests, that the LeClaire boat builders were swamped with orders. Boats were built in LeClaire for another 30 years until river navigation ended temporarily and the boat ways ceased to operate. The Marine Railway property was sliced in two when the railroad came through.

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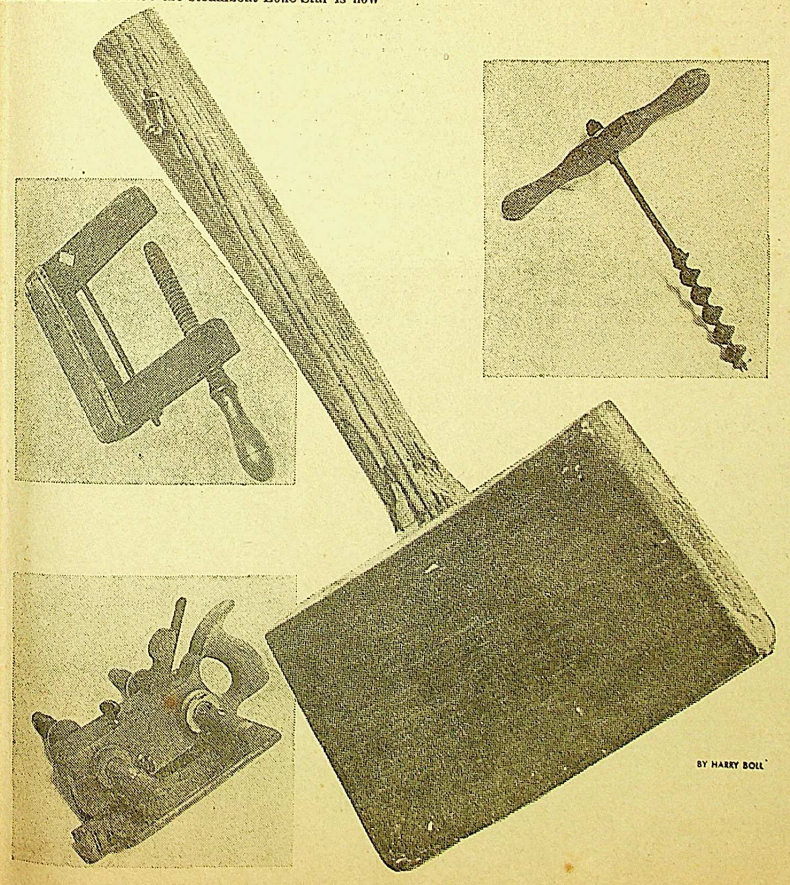
THE YOUNGER Van Sant, in addition to serving as governor of Minnesota, was also national commander of the G.A.R. in 1909 and 1910. He was a pilot and steamboat master and with famed Capt. Walter A. Blair operated a line of well-known river packets.

When he died at the age of 92, Samuel Van Sant was buried with full military honors in LeClaire's Glendale Cemetery.

It was said that LeClaire gave to the river more captains and pilots than any other town on the Mississippi. It also gave them the boats that helped make progress possible.



Tools, used by boat builders at LeClaire, are on display at the Buffalo Bill Museum, LeClaire.

Pleasant Valley Begins Flood Clean-Up

By DAVID RAMACITTI

While dirty Mississippi River flood water remains across many roads and still surrounds a number of homes, hardy Pleasant Valley residents today began the thankless clean-up job.

No one knows for sure how many clean-ups have already begun. However, Amy Greenwood, Red Cross coordinator for the area, said she began receiving calls as early as Tuesday morning asking for help.

She said the Red Cross is now checking into the availability of clean-up materials for distribution to flood victims.

MEANWHILE, a number of residents began the messy job on their own, including the Kempts and the Halls, both recently moved into the Pleasant Harbor area.

Dennis Kempt, who has used most of his vacation days to prepare for and now clean-up after the flood, began hosing and scrubbing his basement Tuesday.

"I didn't get much water here," he said, pointing to the tile floor of the lower level family room, "but it was dirty stuff."

He said as the river was rising, a week ago, water began to back up through the floor registers. He said he eventually had to knock a hole in the concrete floor and use a submersible pump.

"WE STAYED pretty well ahead of it," he said. He bought the house, along one of the channels which sticks inland from the river like a spur, only last October.

He said it was his first flood.

A four-foot sandbag wall surrounds his house on two sides. "There was three feet of water against that wall," he said. "It took me almost three weeks to put it up."

Does he regret having bought next to the river?

"Heck no," he snapped.

MRS. JAMES HALL and her four-year-old son John were found raking debris in the backyard. The only access to their home is still by boat; a roadway is under water and a low lying lot further inland is also covered.

"We were lucky," she said, "the only seepage we had in the house was in the fireplace."

A four foot sandbag wall across the back of the house, toward the channel, held out most of the water she said, except for some leaking into the lower level family room.

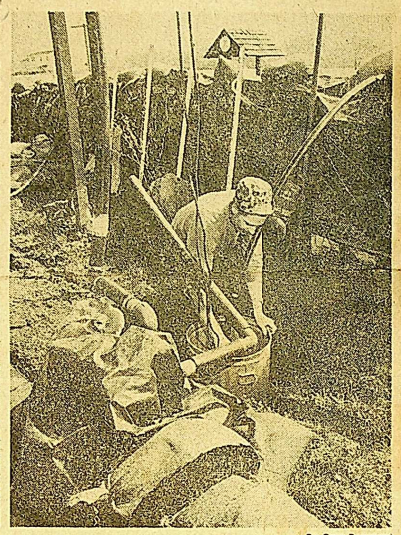
HOWEVER, a 20-foot dock that stands along the shoreline of their property is now half submerged and pitched at nearly a 45-degree angle.

"I guess that's a complete loss," she said, "We'll have to pull it out."

The dock stood on cement piers, she said, which were apparently washed away by the high water.

The Halls moved to Pleasant Harbor in August of 1968.

Mrs. Greenwood also announced she is distributing surplus food commodities to flood victims in the inundated area from east of the power station, in east Bettendorf, through Princeton.



By Greg Beaumont

Getting rid of the leftovers of a flood is the dirtiest and most thankless job of all. Pleasant Valley residents Mrs. James Hall, her son John, 4, and Dennis Kempt began the clean-up operation today. Mrs. Hall is raking debris from the yard, while her son hunts for shells, and Kempt is cleaning out a sump pump used to keep his basement almost water-free during the flood.

River Retreats Another .4

The Mississippi River in eastern Iowa and western Illinois continued its welcome march back to its banks through the night, with the level at Dam 15, Davenport-Rock Island, reaching an 18.5 foot reading this morning.

The drop was four tenths of a foot down from Tuesday morning's reading, and was approaching a foot below the early Sunday crest of 19.3.

At Dam 14 (LeClaire) the river was measured at 13.84 this morning, down from 14.19 Tuesday, and at the foot of Forty-Eighth Street, Moline, the river was down to 16.6 feet this morning, from 17.0 Tuesday.

The river was reported back in its banks at Cassville, Wis., this morning for the first time since it went over flood stage April 17.

Individual flood victims have already begun clean-up operations around their homes; however, Davenport Public Works Director Rex Matthews says the city clean-up can't begin until the weekend.

He said it is hoped River Drive can be opened early next week, but reported it is a "long, hard job" to clean the street of the slimy residue of a flood.

He said it involves hosing the roadway, sweeping it thoroughly and flushing the remains away.

IN WISCONSIN, officials announced that 15 counties in that state sustained about $1.8-million in flood damage, but said it could have been as high as $145-million without the massive dike and levee systems thrown up.

IN DUBUQUE, sections of levee blocking roadways to the river were reopened today and a sandbag wall near the Illinois Central Railway was removed. National Guardsmen there are expected to be deactivated by the end of the week.

IN CAMANCHE, Highway 67 through the town was reopened this morning; however, the state route is still closed through the Wapsi Valley because of high water.

IN FULTON, a levee along Route 84 was pushed off of the roadway and traffic was reopened for two lanes of traffic.

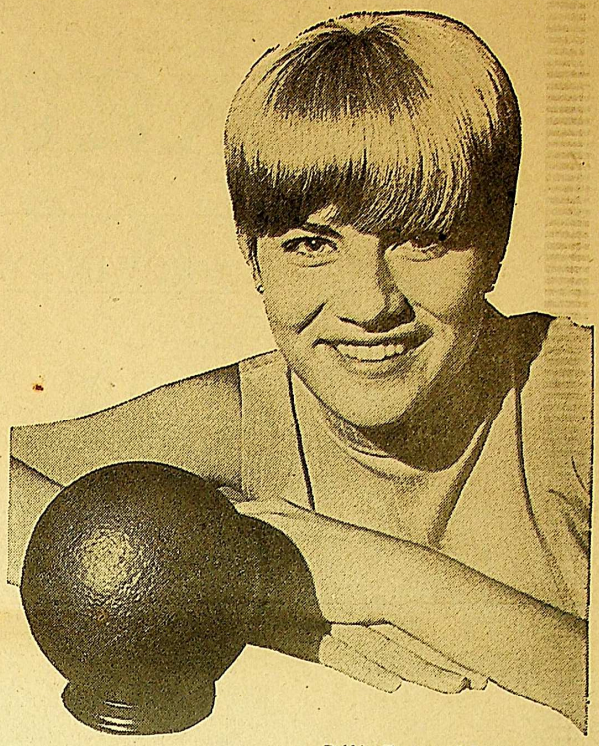
IN CLINTON, flood weary Civil Defense workers apparently turned to practical joking by sandbagging Mark Barnes, CD director, into his office. A sandbag "wishing well," complete with water, was also built and several dollars in coins gathered in it were turned over to the Salvation Army.

ON CAMPBELL'S ISLAND, East Moline, mail service was restored today to homes where the boxes are accessible from the road.

IN ROCK ISLAND, the office of U.S. Rep. Tom Railsback, today issued a statement commending the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for "its fine effort" in coordinating flood fighting and supplying dikes and sandbags.

IN KEOKUK, the crest is nearing this southeastern Iowa city and is expected to hit Thursday at an even 18-foot level, only two feet over flood stage.

Lee Suiter of LeClaire with boom links, log spikes and pieces of chain which he recovered from the Mississippi River near the point in the photo. All the material is from log rafts.



Debbie Clemons of LeClaire with a cannonball, dredged from the Mississippi River near Campbell's Island, and believed to have been used in a skirmish in the War of 1812 between Americans and 500 Indians who were in league with the British. Victorious Indians dumped cannonballs into the river as they plundered Yankee boats at what is now East Moline.

(Photos by Harry Boll)

'Treasure' From The River Bottom

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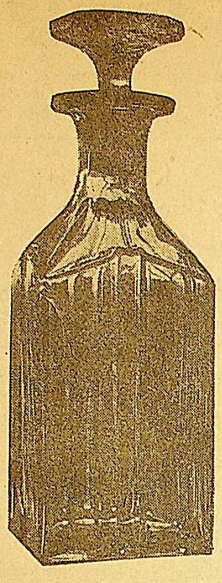
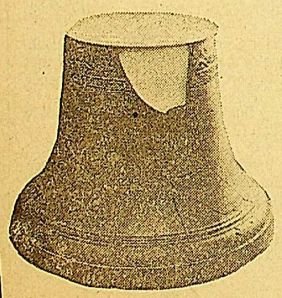


Two remnants of the historic steamboat Effie Afton which were recovered from the bottom of the Mississippi River. Above is a cologne bottle; below, the Afton's bell. The boat figured in lawsuit in which Abe Lincoln was an attorney. A Rock Island adventurer, Charles G. Case, salvaged much of the Afton's cargo. In fact, he paid $600 for salvage rights (a very large sum in those days). However, the uranium glass bottle is the only known piece of Afton cargo still in existence. It was given to the museum by Miss Edna Brown, a granddaughter of Case. The Afton, beside merchandise, carried 300 head of oxen. All the animals were lost.



It has been generations since steamboats and log rafts tied up at LeClaire, but Lee Suiter remembered how raftsmen favored a grove of trees near a clamshell bed at the upper edge of town. The trees, Suiter would tell the younger generation, were enmeshed with old chains and logger's spikes.

But the locks and dams came, and the old loggers' trees went underwater, and eventually rotted to nothing.

Not long ago, during a brief stage of low water, the area of the trees was bared. Suiter scrambled out on the site, and found what he expected. The trees were long gone, but on the silt-covered clamshell bed were piles of rusting log raft chains, boom links, log spikes and other memorabilia of rafting days.

The material has been turned over to the Buffalo Bill Museum at LeClaire, and its director, Mrs. Esther Kennedy, describes it as "a wonderful find."

The Mississippi River does not easily give up its treasures. An occasional anchor, a section of hog brace, a bit of cargo or a bell. That's about all the river bottom yields.

"With all the boats that were built, and lost in this area, you'd think more material would turn up; but it's scarce, very scarce," said Mrs. Kennedy.

"Perhaps that's why when we do get something it is so important," said Don Herold, Davenport Public Museum director. One of the museum's great recent finds is a cologne bottle of uranium glass, traced without question to the cargo of the Effie Afton. The Afton went down in flames in 1856 after ramming the first bridge to cross the Mississippi River. This was at Davenport, and brought about a landmark court decision won by Abraham Lincoln.

In the John M. Browning Museum at Rock Island Arsenal is most of the Afton's bell. It was dredged from the river, and barely escaped the melting pot when it was broken up and sold for salvage. Most of the pieces were retrieved at a junkyard, and the bell has been partially reassembled.

The Davenport museum has an anchor, which appears certain to have been used by one of Zachary Taylor's keelboats when he lost a skirmish with the British and the Indians off Credit Island in 1814.

The LeClaire museum has a cannonball from a battle of the War of 1812 at Campbell's Island. The ball came from the riverbank.

This chain was found in the bottom of the Mississippi River when footings were being dug for Interstate 80 bridge near LeClaire. The anchor is from a boat which was sunk near LeClaire in 1870. The girl is Debbie Clemons, also shown in the photo at the top.

One of the largest pieces of river lore in this area is a giant anchor, now in the hands of the LeClaire museum. It was lost when a steamboat went down in 1870 in the Sycamore Chain of the rapids between Davenport and LeClaire. Capt. John Suiter owned the anchor for years. It's on display at the LeClaire museum, along with a 20 foot length of massive boom chain, used 75 years ago for binding log rafts. The chain was pulled from the Mississippi River four years ago when footings were being dug for the Interstate 80 bridge.

There are other bits of steamboat memorabilia upon which museums of the Quad-City area cast envious eyes. The doors, or pilot house sides, of the LeClaire Belle — an historic area steamboat — are in private hands. So is the giant wheel of the W. J. Quinlan ferryboat.

In Muscatine, a pilothouse from a boat that went down is surrounded by shrubs in a backyard, and steamboat artifacts are probably hidden away in many attics.

"Private owners are reluctant to part with such relics," said Mrs. Kennedy, the LeClaire museum director.

Museum directors are hopeful private owners will some day part with some of their treasures from the bottom of the river.

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Dog Ordinance Is Viewed At Princeton

PRINCETON--The Princeton Town Council met Monday, February 5, at the Town Hall. Meeting was conducted by Mayor, Paul Inman, with 5 council members present. Regular business was transacted.

Purchase of a tractor and mower was discussed. Also under discussion was a baseball backstop for the park.

A liquor permit will be awarded to Bridges' Trading Post Tavern when the bonds are in order.

A new Dog Ordinance was set up. It states that when a complaint is made that a dog is running loose on someone's property, the dog will be impounded and a fine will be levied.

December 12,1969

MR. AND MRS. LOUIS ERLING

Mr. Erling was born in Princeton in 1909. He married Zella Birney in 1931 in Davenport. He was a life resident and farmer in the Princeton-LeClaire area.

Mr and Mrs. Erling daughters are, Mrs. Donald (Patricia) Merkel and Mrs. Clifford (Rosemary) Suiter and there are six grandchildren.

November 24, 1969

MR. AND MRS. NICK SIEM CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

An open house will honor Mr. and Mrs. Nick Siem on Nov. 23, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

The former Marie Reese and Nick Siem were married in Davenport on November 24, 1909. They resided on a farm north of Princeton. There are 85 members of their immediate family, including six children, tweny-four grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren.

Their children are a son, Harold, and daughters, Mrs. Lambert (Dora) storjohann, Mrs. Louis (Ann) Fisher, Mrs. Vernie Cole, Mrs. Leonard (Marianne) Peterson and a nephew, Jurgen Reese, who was reared by Mr. and Mrs. Siem. One son, Ernest is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Siem will be honored by the Grassy Lane Club members at a party on Saturday November 29.

(Mrs. Siem was born in Germany in 1879)

January 7, 1969

MR. AND MRS. PAUL H. SUITER

A reception will be held to honor Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Suiter of LeClaire who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Clara Henry and Mr. Suiter were married in Princeton Jan.7 1920. Mr. Suiter retired from farming in 1957.

They have a married daughter, Mrs. Walter Brown, and two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

April 6,1970

MR. AND MRS. HOWARD FLETCHER

The former Velma Hamilton was born in Princeton in 1892. She was married to Howard Fletcher December 22, 1910, in Davenport. He died in 1950.

They had one son, Eldon; four granchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

June 12, 1970

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS W. FLETCHER

Thomas W. Fletcher was born in Princeton in 1891. He married Marie Gast in Davenport November 9, 1943. She

died on June 4.employed45yrs.MilwaukeeRR 2 daughters

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Siem on their wedding day.

North Scott Press February 18, 1970

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTER IS HEART OF GRISSOM ADDITION

When the new addition at the Virgil Grissom school at Princeton was opened last fall, it was recognized as a very up-to-date innovation in education. It was one of the first two such arrangements in the state of Iowa.

Several schools have sent administrative representatives to observe the plan in operation including Clear Lake and Muscatine. Other schools have made inquiries and several others have this type of addition on the drawing board.

The large flexable open space addition has been carefully designed to accomodate the varying needs of the youngsters grades four through six. Educators have always accepted the notion of "individual differences", but have seldom designed schools and programs to meet these differences.

Virgil Grissom represents the most modern of attempts to meet individual needs.

The facility consists of a very large carpeted area with no interior walls. There are several small rooms adjoining the open area. This large (75'x96') open area accomodates approximately 150 students divided somewhat evenly into grades 4, 5, and 6.

The large open area is broken into numerous smaller areas by the arrangement of furniture. Some of the furniture provides sub barriers between the learning centers.

Why do the designers feel a large open area is the best choice for optimum efficiency?

(1) This design allows the Instructional Materials Center to be readily available to all the children at all times. This eliminates the need for additional sets of supplies for different classrooms.

(2) It promotes greater mobility for students.

(3) It allows for greater control over student actions. A student is exposed to several teachers, not just one.

(4) It provides an inservice function for evaluation. The instructors are finding they are no longer an indivdual standing alone, separated from the other teachers by four walls. The teachers share their problems and also the solutions. They can offer advice and be sympathetic because they may have the same problem in the past or in the future. By observing another teacher at work, he might see a weakness or strength and offer constructive criticism.

An additional advantage of this large open room is its flexibility. By re-arranging the furniture, the area can become small classrooms, a single large area, or anything in between.

The instructional Materials Center, located in the very center, forms the heart of the program. There are no walls separating this IMC from the learning centers scattered around it. Students ans teachers flow in and out and through the IMC continuously.

IMC continued.....

The IMC houses all the necessary books, both fiction and non-fiction, references, magazines, films, filmstrips, tape recordings, records, filmstrip viewers, tape recorders, and record players. This list is almost endless.

Now that educational television is available, the IMC will alos serve as the television center. The IMC is not a dead place as might already be obvious. Activity flows freely and constantly as children use the facilities available.

It is apparent that, in this situation the student carries greater responsibility for his learning. The learning process is still teacher controlled, however the student is given different options for reaching the same goal as his classmates.

It has been said that success is an attitude. If this is the case, the IMC program at Princeton should be one of the most successful. The staff is highly enthusiastic but at the same time keeping a high degree of objectivity. They've found problems they knew they'd have, some they had't planned on, other anticipated problems haven't materialized. They've been able to make adjustments without destroying the central purpose of the problem.

Dennis Albertson, principal at Virgil Grissom, encourages visitors to see the new addition as well as any other area in the school. He does request that, in accordance with school policy, any visitors make their presence known at the office when they arrive.

August 9, 1970

Quad-City Times

PRINCETON'S PLAN FLOPS.....
BY Tom Kuncl

Residents of Princeton Iowa at first thought it was a put-on, but they soon caught up with the spirit of the project. The proposal: Locate the headquarters of the United Nations in Princeton.

World War II had passed, and the fledging U.N.was looking for a site. New York was a strong contender. So was San Francisco. But there was bickering, and into this picture the Princeton Booster's Club.

Led by the town postmaster, Will Rogers, the club proposed that the general assembly establish headquarters in the rolling hills of Princeton, in the safe, sane and scenic Mississippi River Valley.

Rogers himself pledged to donate 20 areas of choice land, and other farmers and civic leaders indicated similar interests. Rogers himself was so serious that he called upon U.S. Secretary Jimmy Byrnes in New York city to plead the case for Princeton.

The Princeton Boosters pointed out the town's central location in America "accessible from both coasts." Rogers said there would be no big city pressures in the gentle farming county of Scott County. Also, it was suggested there was plenty of parking space.

Rogers didn't get far. He felt that the the site committee was evasive. He told the Democrat Newspaper:

"In my opinion, the politicians want it in New York, but the people don't. San Francisco wants the U.N., but does the U.N. want San Francisco? I think Princeton would be a happy medium."

But the U.N. never did seriously consider all of little Princeton's attributes. Nor did the residents ever think it possible that Arabs and Indians would someday walk their streets. The Sunday Democrat polled Princeton people, and the opinion was, "It can't happen here."

Of course, it didn't. New York won the site, and Rogers, who went on to become a Scott County supervisor, built a fine, big home atop the rolling hills he wanted to give the United Nations.

August 22, 1970

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT M. RHODES

Mr. Rhodes was born in Bransville, Mo. in 1914. He married Gertrude Hale march 6, 1935 in Galesburg, Ill.

He owned and operated Rhodes Cleaners in Princeton.

Their children are, Mrs. Clifford (Dy Ann) Jorden and a son, Ronald, both of Princeton, and there are five grandchildren.

February 3, 1971

MR. AND MRS. FRANK J. NORTON

Frank J. Norton was born in the Princeton area in 1892. He married Daisy Fickel in 1914 in Princeton.

Mr Norton was elected mayor of Princeton in 1940 and served for 14 years.

July 1971

STATE CITES FIRE CHIEF HERB PEITSCHER

Princeton - The 47th annual Iowa state fire school was held at Ames June 15-18 and Herbert Peitscher, Princeton fire chief, was presented a governor's award for outstanding service to community.

Chief Peitscher was one of the group responsible for organizing the local fire department in 1940. He has served as chief continuously since that date and has missed only one meeting because of being in the hospital.

Peitscher was instrumental in organizing the first fire protection district in Scott County, consisting of his own and two other departments. The district has its own radio network with all vehicles so equipped.

Peitscher also served two terms as president of the Scott County Fireman's Assn. He was one of the principal organizers of that association in 1946, and since has been one of its stalwarts.

Lester R. Shick, recently retired Davenport fire chief made the recommendation to Gov. Robert Ray, and State Fire Marshal Wilbur Johnson made the presentation.

Accompanying Peitscher were Bruce Gaylor, Dennis Smith, Keith Havenhill and Clifford Jordan who are members of the department.

September 26, 1971

He Sandwiches Rodeo In Between Farm Work

Bill Stahmer, Princeton, Iowa, demonstrates his saddle-bronc riding technique. The rider is scored on length of ride as well as technique.

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By Julie Gay

PRINCETON, Iowa — A full-time rodeo rider is "tougher than the average bear or he stays at home", according to Bill Stahmer, perhaps the youngest Quad-City area practitioner of this sport.

The 25-year-old bachelor and part-time farmer has ridden in the rodeo circuit only as a hobby for the last three years. This year he is out to prove this sport can really be his future profession.

"Rodeo is a curious profession because it shows a guy what he can do and how far he can go. A rider has a real hassle because he worries about everything — meals, hotels, equipment and entry fees. But, the chance of making it all the way keeps us going," he said.

AT 6 FEET, 5 inches, Stahmer is also one of the tallest on the United Rodeo and International Rodeo Assn. circuit, the minor league of rodeo as compared to the nationally famous Rodeo Cowboys Assn.

"My height offers some real problems. Most cowboys are under 6 feet, and I hear about it. I usually have to ride completely different from a short individual," the wiry, blond cowboy explained.

His height offers a special problem in the saddle-bronc riding event, which is scored partially on the basis of how the rider spurs his horse.

"To spur the horse right, I have to sit back so my legs can reach the right spot in front of the saddle. In the saddle-bronc event, the rider has only about eight seconds to show how well he can ride," he said.

WHEN HE isn't traveling to shows, Stahmer helps his brother and a neighbor, Glenn Underwood, with farming. Stahmer credits Underwood as one of several persons who gave him a start in the business. Underwood also operates a riding stable that gives Stahmer plenty of opportunity to work horses.

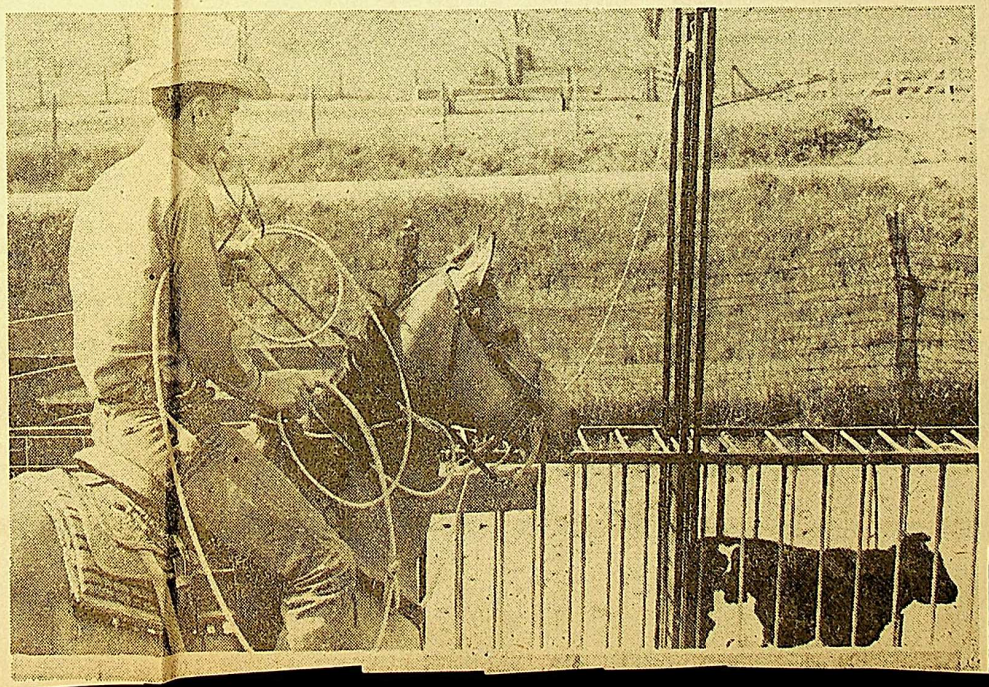
"I started roping calves with Underwood. He took me to my first rodeo, got me on a bull and got me bucked off right away too," he said. In spring 1969, after his return from military service in Vietnam, Stahmer joined Fred Collins, Solon, Iowa.

COLLINS HAS started out four world champions, Stahmer said, "but he showed me that bareback bronc riding and bulls weren't my events."

Since then, Collins, Ivyl Gheer, Davenport, and Dale Tauke, Farley, Iowa, have been his "packing" or traveling partners.

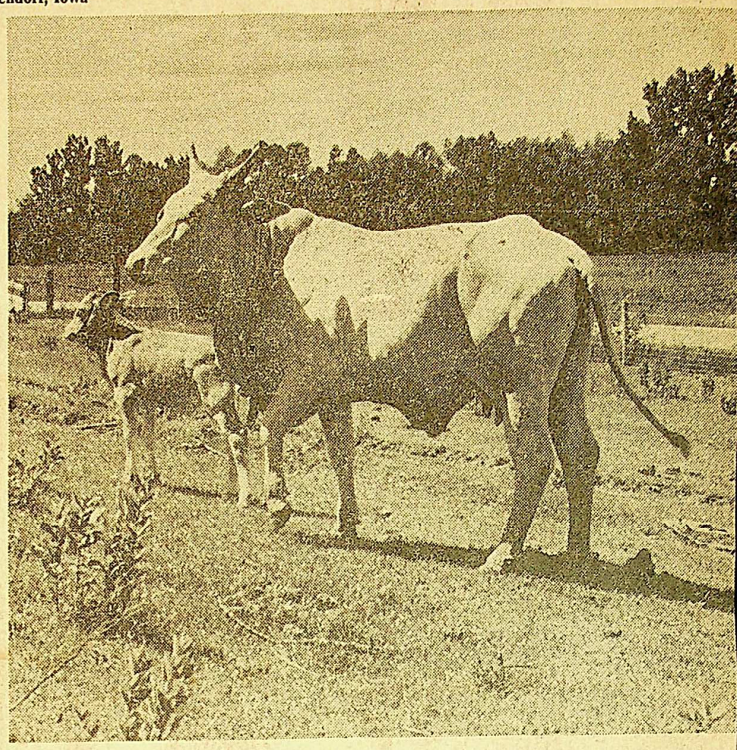
"These two fellas have hauled me down the road for the last three seasons. They are wonderful, common and easy going, like most rodeo people," he said.

Stahmer thinks Lady Luck has kept him from being "boogered up", rodeo slang for injured. Luck has kept injuries down to four stitches and a broken toe.



Bill Stahmer has an opportunity to practice calf-roping on the Glenn Underwood farm between farming chores for his brother and Underwood. The rider grips in his teeth the rope for binding a calf's legs until the animal is caught and thrown with the lariat. (Staff Photo)

CIRCLE M SADDLE SHOP



Bonnie, the Brahma cow, and her spring calf enjoy a brief moment together. Glenn Underwood, Princeton, purchased a Braahma cow and bull and named the pair, Bonnie and Clyde. The bull died two winters ago. (Staff photo)

Animals Abundant Here

Glenn Underwood's 60-acre pasture near Princeton in northeast Scott County frequently serves as a riding trail for Quad-City area horse lovers.

But, over the years this hilly area overlooking the Wapsipinicon River has become home for some out-of-the-ordinary livestock in addition to such curiosities as a television relay tower, a natural iron-spewing spring and antique link fencing on one pasture boundary.

Underwood's collection of livestock includes several horses. Hereford cattle, and "Bonnie," the Brahma cow, and her spring calf.

"WE USED to have both a Brahma cow and bull until we lost the bull two winters ago," Underwood said. "We bought the Brahmas originally to use in calf-roping workouts."

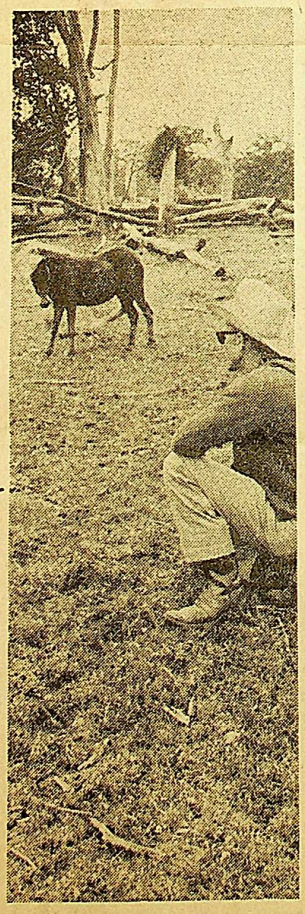
This spring, Underwood acquired the burros that formally were a favorite attraction at Fejervary Park in Davenport. They now enjoy the company of his jennie, Harriet, a long time resident of the green pasture.

Also numbered among the livestock is a miniature horse almost two years old now and about 30 inches tall. Underwood said the horse was only 19 inches tall at birth.

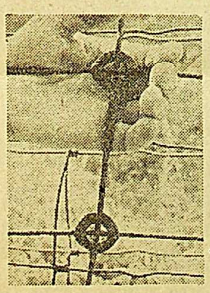
ALTHOUGH Underwood has lived on the same 160-acre farm north of this Scott County community all his life, he said waters of the natural spring have never been tested for mineral content.

The spring spills out of a hillside into a sandy area located on the south side of the pasture. Underwood likes to refer to the spot as his "oil well" because the water appears oily.

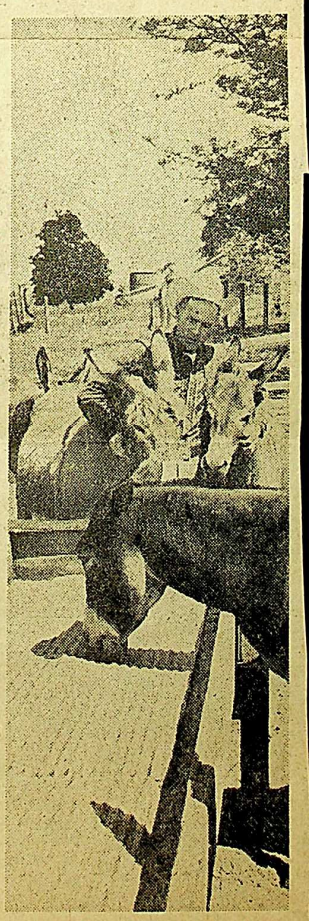
The antique chain link fence extends alongside the radio-television relay tower on the west pasture boundary.



Underwood attempts to attract the attention of his miniature horse which was only 19 inches tall at birth. Now almost two years old, this horse is about 30 inches tall, or equal in height to a frisky Hereford calf. (Staff photo)



Metal rings hold together this piece of antique link fencing on the west pasture boundary of the Glenn Underwood farm near Princeton. (Staff photo)



Two burros agree to some friendly petting from Glenn Underwood, Princeton. His jennie, Harriet, has the bushy forelock. (Staff photo).

September 26, 1971

MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. CLEMONS

James R. Clemons was born in Pleasant Valley in 1898. He married Miss Feryl Jones in 1919 in Davenport.

Mr. Clemons had been employed 40 years by the Iowa-Ill. Gas & Electric Co, retiring in 1963.

In 1970 Mr. Clemons was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, the highest given by a local Boy Scout council, and the Lamb Award, the highest award in Lutheran Church scouting. He was active for 30 years in the Cub, Boy Scout and Explorer units in Princeton and for over 10 years had served on the staff at Camp Minneyata, Dixon.

He was a past patron of the Silver Creek Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, LeClaire, and a member of Snow Lodge, AF & AM, LeClaire.

(A riverfront park was named in his honor at the Princeton public boat ramp, in honor of his years of community service.)

Mr. and Mrs. Clemons have two sons, Lester "Wally" and Donald W., and five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

DAYTON ARKIE

Mr. Arkie was born in McCausland in 1907. He had farmed in Scott County until retiring.

November 12, 1971

MR. AND MRS. JAMES HOLST

James Holst was born in Princeton in 1884. He married Minnie Lippold in 1909 in Davenport. She died in 1965.

Mr. Holst was the director of Quality Milk Assn. and American Mutual Insurance Co.

Mr. Holst was past president of Scott County Farm Bureau, treasurer of Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Princeton, a member of Scott County 4-H Club, and served as marshal of the Mississippi Valley Fair junior club livestock parade for 25 years.

Their children are, Mrs. Alfred (Velma) Spies, Mrs. Alvin (Irene) Bowker, and sons, Alvin, Eldon, and Donald. They have nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

MR.AND MRS. ROY M. CURTIS WED 50 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Curtis will be honored at a reception Jan. 16 in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Miss Leila Rohwer and Mr. Curtis were married Jan. 14, 1922 in First Christian Church, Davenport.

The reception will be held at the McCausland Methodist Chuch fron 2 to 5 p.m.

The couple farmed near Donahue until moving to Princeton in 1941.

They are parents of Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. John Carlin, Ray, Ben, Ralph, Robert, David, and Martin. There are 23 grandchildren.

June 25, 1972

MR. AND MRS. ALLEN W. ELLIOTT

Mr Elliott was born in Clarence, Iowa in 1903. He marries Elma "Tib" Peitscher in 1931 in Princeton.

Mr. Elliott was an active civic leader. He was a former member of the Princeton City Council and an elder and a trustee of Princeton Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott had operated a grocery store in Princeton for 18 years. He was later employed at Alcoa Aluminum Company of America, retiring in 1968.

Their children are, Mrs. Robert (Nancy) Cech, and a son, Robert A. They have four grandchildren.

August 16, 1972

MR. AND MRS. LLOYD GAST

Margaret Harris was born in Ireland in 1880. She married Lloyd Gast in 1901 in LeClaire. Mr Gast died in 1940.

The Gast's had one daughter, Mrs. Harold (Mildred) Woomert, with whom she resided. "Maggie" also had two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

August 25, 1972

MR. AND MRS. FRANK C. GREVE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Greve of Princeton will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Camelot.

The former Edith Kroymann and Frank Greve were married August 25, 1922, in Tipton, Iowa. They have farmed in the Clinton area since their marriage.

They have two children, Mr. Bill (Dorothy) Cole of Princeton, and Frank of Folletts. A daughter Shirley is deceased. There are five grandchildren.

September 16, 1972

MR. AND MRS. JAMES L. (ROY) WOOD

Mr. and Mrs. James L (Roy) Wood, Princeton, will be honored at a reception in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 16 at the Princeton Civic Center.

Miss Elizabeth Zimmerman and Mr. Wood were married Sept. 16, 1922 in Davenport.

Mr. Wood was employed as a rural mail carrier in the Princeton area until retiring in 1959.

They are the parents of Mrs. John Kotacka, Bettendorf, and Mrs. Robert Maher, Princeton. There are five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pinnacle point', 'Elizabeth City' Were The Early Predecessors of Princeton

By Kathy Brase

Pinnacle Point and Elizabeth City are not very well known, but it was by these names that the present town of Princeton was designated until the city was incorporated in 1857.

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It was during this year that the town's greatest early commercial growth took place. A steam planing mill, complete with the latest improved machinery, was built and produced sash, doors, and blinds, to add much to the employment and commercial benefits of the community. F. G. Welch built a three story building used as a dry goods store, furnished offices, and Welch's Hall. This was a valuable addition to the town but was destroyed by fire in 1862.

Today Princeton contains about twenty businesses. Carver Stave Mill produced barrel staves and headers which were shipped to Scotland where the whiskey was made. The business is now known as J. L. Carver Lumber Company and employs seventeen local people. Johnson Manufacturing is a specialty company that manufactures soldering products which are shipped all over the world, Norway, Japan and South America for example. They also produced a special solder for Bendix Corporation which was used to make parts for the space ships to the moon.

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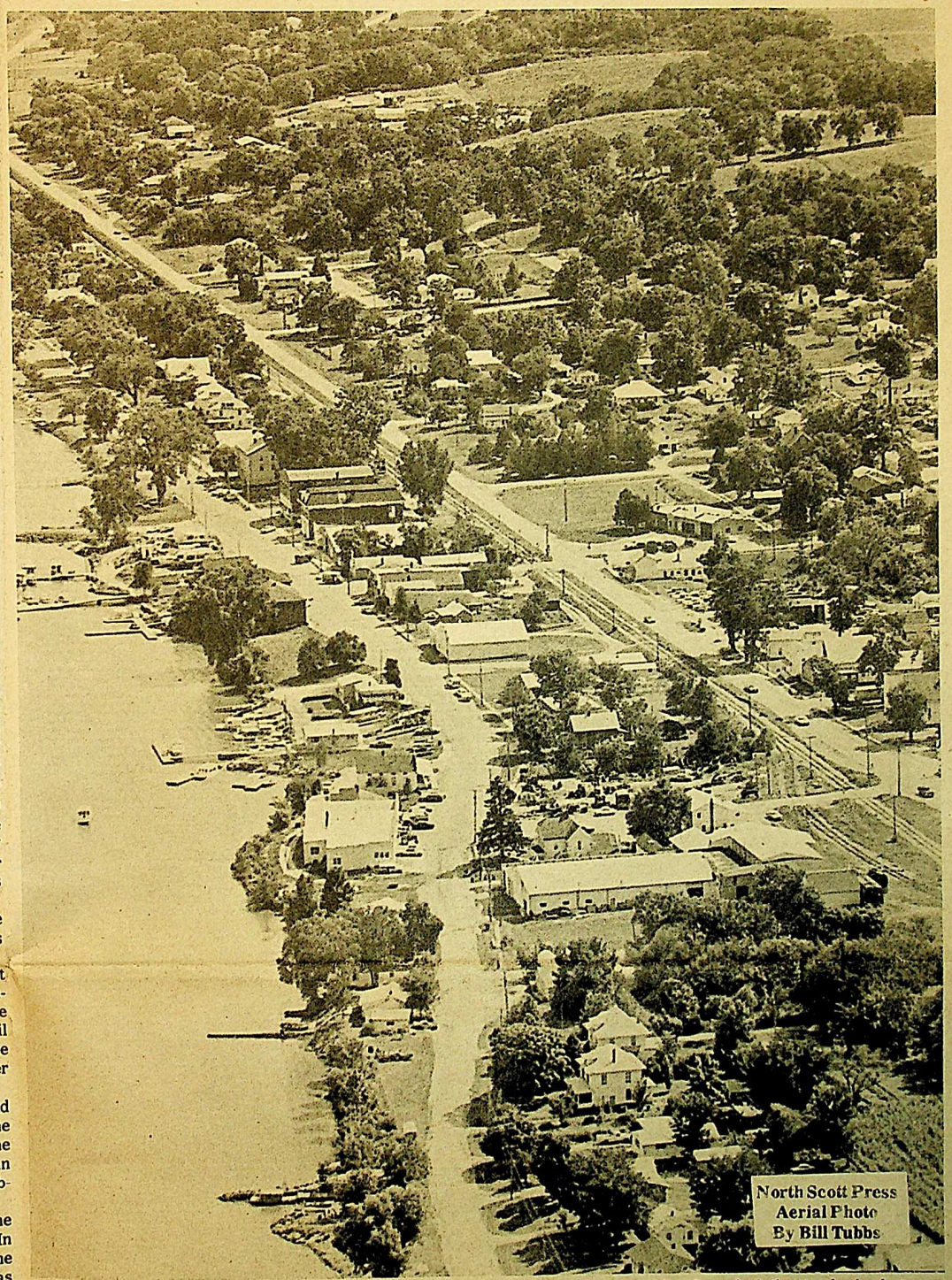

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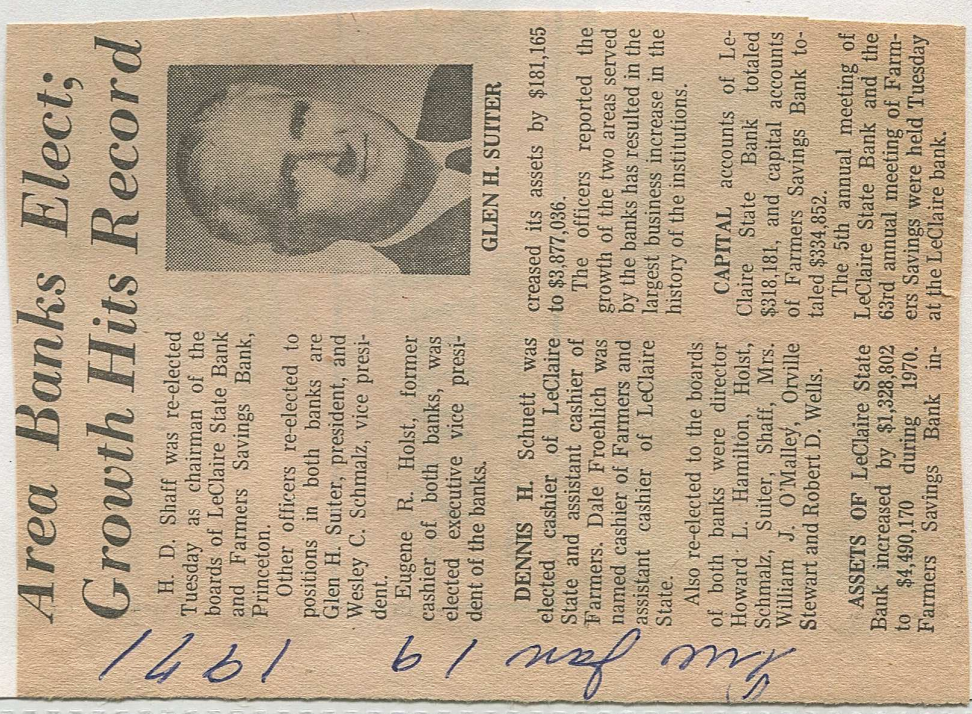

Area Banks Elect; Growth Hits Record

H. D. Shaff was re-elected Tuesday as chairman of the boards of LeClaire State Bank and Farmers Savings Bank, Princeton.

Other officers re-elected to positions in both banks are Glen H. Suiter, president, and Wesley C. Schmalz, vice president.

Eugene R. Holst, former cashier of both banks, was elected executive vice president of the banks.

GLEN H. SUITER

DENNIS H. Schuett was elected cashier of LeClaire State and assistant cashier of Farmers. Dale Froehlich was named cashier of Farmers and assistant cashier of LeClaire State.

Also re-elected to the boards of both banks were director Howard L. Hamilton, Holst, Schmalz, Suiter, Shaff, Mrs. William J. O'Malley, Orville Stewart and Robert D. Wells.

ASSETS OF LeClaire State Bank increased by $1,328,802 to $4,490,170 during 1970. Farmers Savings Bank increased its assets by $181,165 to $3,877,036.

The officers reported the growth of the two areas served by the banks has resulted in the largest business increase in the history of the institutions.

CAPITAL accounts of LeClaire State Bank totaled $318,181, and capital accounts of Farmers Savings Bank totaled $334,852.

The 5th annual meeting of LeClaire State Bank and the 63rd annual meeting of Farmers Savings were held Tuesday at the LeClaire bank.

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BULLDOZED

Almost one hundred years of memories were flattened when the Princeton Odd Fellows Hall was razed Friday.

The Princeton Odd Fellows Hall, first constructed in 1879, was reduced to a pile of rubble Friday.

It was the meeting place for the Swan Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows and the Echo Rebekah Lodge.

The building had been condemned by the city of Princeton, and on Friday was the victim of a bulldozer.

The Lodge was build after the waterfront fire in Princeton which occurred earlier in the year in which the building was constructed.

Originally the hall in which the lodges met was the property of L. S. Chamberlin--but the fire on Jan. 6, 1879, took the property and most of the other buildings in the block.

Along with the building all of the lodge property was lost.

The Odd Fellows, which were chartered as the Swan Lodge of the IOOF, appealed to other lodges in the district for aid in rebuilding and replacing their equipment.

Sufficient monies poured in to make it possible to create a new structure the same year.

Mrs. Herbert Holst, Grand Noble of the Rebekahs, indicated that the group did not have yet enough money to make firm plans for a new building, but in the interim, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were meeting in the Princeton Civic Center.

What grand tales the old building could have told, given the power to speak at its final moment.

When it was erected, Rutherford B. Hayes was in the middle of his term as president.

Within the walls of the Princeton Odd Fellows Hall were discussed the assasination of two national presidents, McKinley and Kennedy.

The members no doubt discussed the rush of the great American Bullmoose, Teddy Roosevelt, in his run for a second elected term.

Ten years later, the halls were decked out for the returning veterans of World War I. Princeton's doughboys probably welcomed by the now familiar sight of the hometown Odd Fellows Hall--even after Paree.

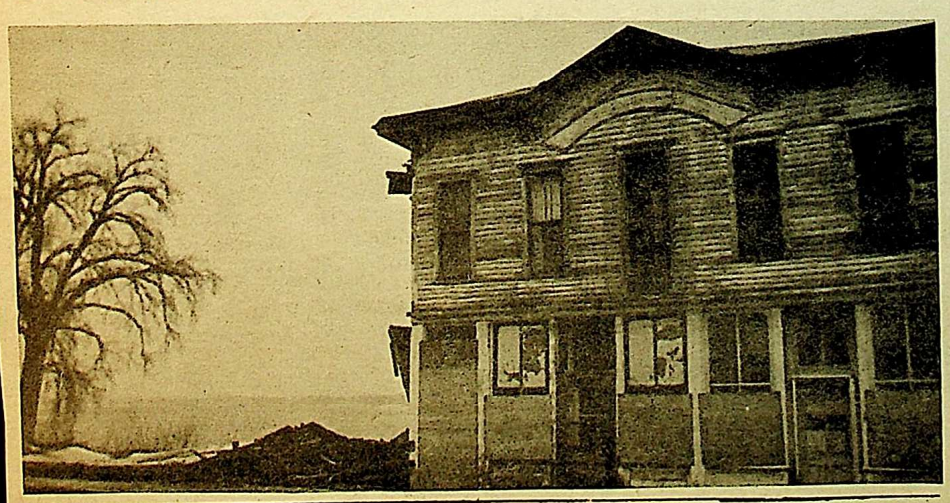
The building also stood throughout a second world war.

The ravages of time, however, have reeked their final act. The building flooded in 1965, when it's usually friendly neighbor--the Mississippi River--rose over its banks.

The Odd Fellows Hall never recovered from the record flooding.

Now it is only a foundation and some ancient lumber.

The site, where the Swan Odd Fellows grew to be one hundred and one years old--awaits new plans--under new owners.



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Building Project Ends In 'Jubilee'

A "Week of Jubilee" celebrating a dream become reality will open Sunday at Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton, Iowa, where the congregation's rebuilding of the church has been completed.

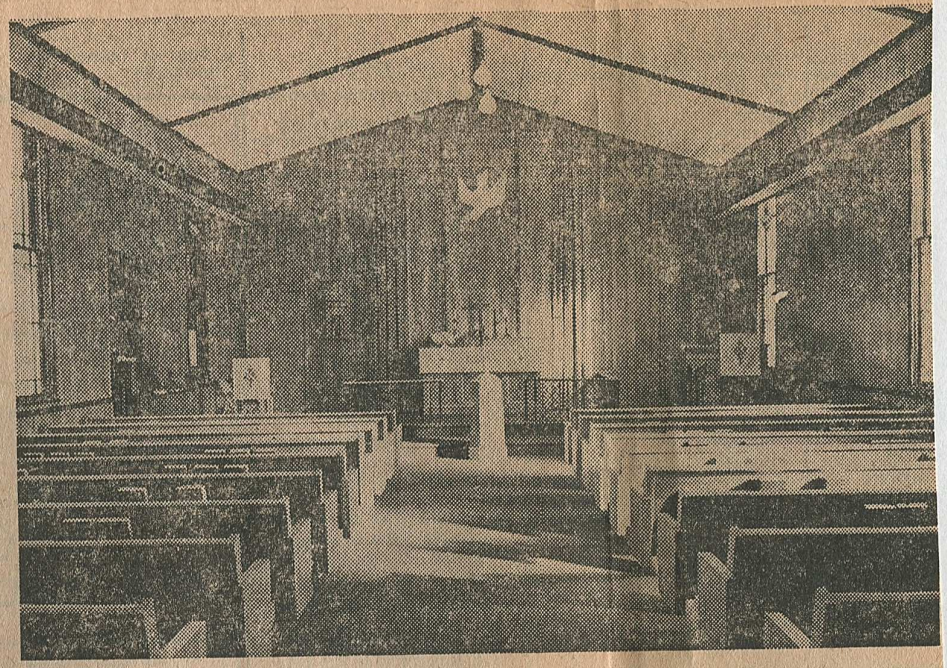
The congregation of about 125 started the building-remodeling project last July, incorporating the old church into the new, enlarging the sanctuary, adding a social hall, church office and pastor's study, and decorating the basement. Much of the work was done by members, holding the cost to about $35,000, the pastor, the Rev. Alan Henderson, said.

Participating in a dedication service at 2 p.m. will be the Rev. Raymond Lingwald, Des Moines, president of Iowa Synod; the Rev. Ragnar Kastman, Davenport, dean of East Central District; the Rev. Ronald Jespersen, Faith Lutheran Church, Eldridge, and Pastor Henderson.

A tea will be held in the church parlors after the dedication.

Open house is planned for 7 to 9 p.m. Monday. Friends of the congregation, neighbors, members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley, and neighboring churches are invited. Rev. Henderson also is pastor of Trinity Church.

Other events of the jubilee include a congregational potluck supper Wednesday and a youth group potluck supper, with Trinity Luther League as guests, Sunday, Feb. 6.



Dedication of the enlarged Zion Lutheran Church on Highway 67, Princeton, Iowa, will be Sunday. The photo above shows the new sanctuary, centralized in the old building. Additions include an office and study area wrapped around the old church, and an entrance area, shown at right, where overflow accommodations are located. (Staff Photos)

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Do You Remember?

Interesting items from North Scott Press files selected and edited by Helen Zogg.

Four Years Ago, May 29, 1968

123 seniors received their diplomas at commencement exercises held at North Scott Community High School on Friday evening, May 24. Honor students were: Mary Auliff, Mary Badtram, Richard Bailey, Jeff Curry, Jean Danielson, Carolyn Diercks, Craig Dierksen, Walter Hunt, Dianne Kraft, Lorene Kuhl, Mark Levsen, Jennifer Mohr, Linda Mohr, Bernard Peeters, Elneta Randolph, Marsha Rock, Rita Rohse, Doris Schneckloth, Rebecca Wilson and David Wuestenberg.

Edward J. Lillis, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lillis, Long Grove, graduated third in a class of 193 at St. Ambrose College, Davenport on Sunday, May 26. He has been on the Dean's List all four years in college. Edward is a graduate of North Scott Community High School.

Leland P. Hurley, principal of Alan Shepard Elementary School, Long Grove, was granted a summer traineeship in Learning Disabilities at the summer institute at the University of Kansas School of Education.

Maysville officials have received word from the Scott County Municipal Civil Defense and Emergency Planning Agency that approval has been granted by the Federal Office of Civil Defense for the installation of a storm warning system.

Many attended an open house Sunday, May 26 at the Cody Homestead near McCausland, sponsored by the Save Our Landmarks Society. On display was a handmade stage coach donated by the Princeton Boosters Club. the stage coach had been used between Rock Island and Galena. The property was donated to the Scott County ConservationBoard by Roy Curtis, with the official transfer made Sunday. Hundreds have visited the homestead which is open to the public.

Two Years Ago, May 27, 1970

120 North Scott High School seniors graduated at the 12th annual commencement exercises held at the school on Wednesday, May 27. Honor students were Julie Keller, Marsha Acord, Nancy Schafer, Jennifer Rock, Susan Kuehl, Judy Shannon, Paulette Engel, Janice Schultz, Cheryl Green, Linda Brotherton, Nancy Woodford, Edith Copley, David Rock, Cheryl Claeys, Lee Hamann and Patricia Kroeger. NSEA Scholarships were awarded to Susan Kuehl and Sharon Costello, and the FNA Scholarship was presented to Linda Brotherton.

Graduating with the class was Billy Hamilton, Donahue, who received his education at home through the bedside help of teachers, tutors and a two-way inter-com system.

Sally Mickelson was chosen by the Auxiliary of the Carl Jacobsen American Legion Post 639 as their delegate to Girls State.

The Legion Post will send Norman Freund Jr. and Steven Jansen to Boys State. Ron Tuftee and Michael Cronkleton were named as delegates to Boys State by the Larry M. Gronewold American Legion Post 532, Donahue.

Heavy rains caused flash flooding in Donahue, McCausland and Long Grove Sunday, May 24. Five inches were dumped in a late afternoon downpour and most of the main street in Donahue was under water.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Patzer spent two weeks visiting their son, Sp. 4 Wayne Patzer, Crailsheim, Germany. They toured southern Germany and saw the Alps.

Mrs. Hilda Snyder, Dixon, and her sisters toured Alaska. They attended the National Audubon Society convention in Seattle, Wash., also visited Oregon.

Alvera Kok. Blue Grass.

Four Generations At Celebration

PRINCETON – Twenty-nine friends and relatives helped Earnest Holst celebrate his 90th birthday at a supper in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alvena Kitchen, LeClaire, on Wednesday, April 26.

500 was played and winners were Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bucks and Emma Rutherford. Prizes were rugs woven by Mr. Holst.

Among those attending were four generations of the Holst family, Earnest Holst, his son, Edward, grandson, Robert, and great-grandson, Craig Holst.

Attending from farther away was Ernie J. Kitchen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kitchen, Low Moor, who flew in from Downs, Illinois especially for the occasion.

Mr. Holst received many telephone calls and cards on his birthday.

He celebrated his birthday at a dinner in his home on Sunday, April 16. Fourteen relatives attended.

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Four Years Ago, December 25, 1968

Annexation of nearly 1,000 acres of predominately agricultural land was approved by the Princeton Town Council at a special meeting held on Dec. 14. Since the land was acquired by a petition of land owners, no special vote was necessary for the annexation of the land which lays west and north of the present city limits.

The "Miss North Scott" pageant committee received a surprise contestant in the contest when they received an entry sent in by A 1/c J. A. Martin, serving with the Air Force in Vietnam. A photo was enclosed. Martin is a 1966 North Scott graduate.

The North Scott Sing Out members are staging a "rump" pig drive. (Could they mean "runt" pig?)

Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Birney, Princeton, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on Dec. 18.

North Scott Lancers squeaked past Morrison 46-45 at Morrison last Friday. Two free throws by Steve Schaff in the past 11 seconds of play put the Lancers ahead.

Two Years Ago, December 23, 1970

Eldridge Town Council reports the stop light at the intersection of 1st and W. LeClaire Streets will be completed as soon as the poles come in.

The Jaycee-Ettes are delivering baskets of food, also clothing and toys to several needy families in the local area.

Allen Hamann submitted his resignation as a member of the Plan and Zoning Commission. Robert Goettsch was appointed to fill the unexpired term. James Tank also resigned his position as Town Treasurer. That position remains temporarily unfilled.

A Davenport man, Donald Leibbrand, was fined $100 and costs in Mayor's Court on a speeding charge.

For the first time in 10 years the entire Littrel family will celebrate Christmas together in the home of Arthur Littrel, rural Long Grove.

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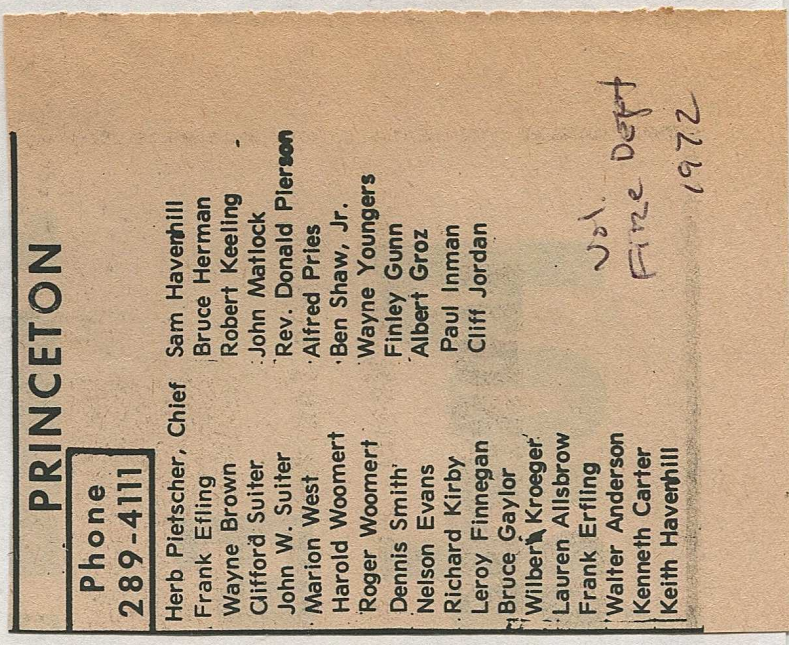

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Four Years Ago, July 10, 1968

Robert D. Ray, Republican candidate for governor of the state of Iowa was a visitor in Scott County and met with a rural gathering at the James Mohr home west of Eldridge.

The Princeton Town Council approved a motion to increase the speed limit from the present 25MPH to 35 MPH. The state highway commission had requested an increase to 45MPH.

Fire companies from Princeton, LeClaire and Pleasant Valley were called to assist the McCausland Fire Department in fighting a fire on the Martin Curtis farm, rural Princeton. A barn, corncrib, garage and storage shed were destroyed, also some small machinery, 1,000 bales of hay and 3,000 bushels of corn. The fire started from a trash burner near the garage.

Mayor George Moeller Jr. and Dixon councilmen headed a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opening a section of paved street in the town.

Mrs. Anna Madden, Long Grove, a 70-year communicant at the Long Grove Christian Church, was honored Sunday and presented with a 70-year plaque and an orchid by the congregation and the minister, Rev. Jack Quandt.

Bells from seven abandoned elementary schools in the North Scott District, sold for prices ranging from $77.50 to $137.30 at the Summer Festival.

Two Years Ago, July 10, 1970

Fun and excitement is promised for all who attended the 8th annual Summer Festival on Sunday July 12. The festival is sponsored by the Eldridge Lions Club with merchants and organizations sponsoring booths and games.

The Summer festival replaces the original Firemen's Field Days held annually the second Saturday and Sunday in July, whereby the firemen earned funds to carry on the services of the volunteer fire company.

Proceeds from the festival are used to promote and finance community projects.

A "raging controversy" has developed over a proposal by Scott County Supervisor Robert Duax that a sanitary landfill be established in Scott County Park. Duax stated that he asked permission of the Scott County Conservation Board to use land "already belonging to all people of Scott County," and that if the landfill were "handled properly" there would be a minimum of inconvenience to area residents and visitors to the park.

Petitions containing more than 1,000 signatures have been circulated and more are expected to be circulated. These will be turned over to the conservation board at a public meeting to be held on Saturday, July 11 at the park.

Highway patrolman Paul L. Maiden was promoted to the rank of sergeant at ceremonies held in Des Moines on July 1. He left Thursday to assume his new duties with District 7, Fort Dodge. The Maiden family has resided in Eldridge since 1963. Maiden has been a member of the Iowa Highway Patrol since June 1, 1953.

Obituaries

caused by crushing injuries to the neck and chest. The sheriff's report stated that it appeared the dead man had been leaning over the left side of the machine, or been thrown to the left side by a fast turn or bump, and caused some part of his body to come in contact with the hydraulic boom lever, allowing the boom to lower and pin Dittman to the tractor.

Flora Jurgens

ELDRIDGE -- Funeral services for Mrs. Flora H. Jurgens, 87, Davenport, were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 in the McGinnis Chapel, Bettendorf. The Rev. C. H. Meyer, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Davenport, officiated.

Ralph DeReus sang "God Be With You" and "In The Sweet Bye and Bye."

Burial was in Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lester Jurgens, Joe Rabe, Ernest Rabe, Jim Schiele, Ray Paulsen and Arnie Paulsen.

Mrs. Jurgens died Thursday in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Parrish, 824 E. 14th St., Davenport.

Flora Kolln was born Sept. 11, 1885 in Elvira, Iowa. She married Thomas F. Jurgens on Feb. 19, 1908 in Davenport. He died in 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Jurgens were former residents of Eldridge. They operated the Turner Hall, also Jurgens Hotel and Dance Hall until moving from here in 1942.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Roma Parrish and Mrs. Rhoda Larimer, and a son, Elmer T., all of Davenport; a grandson, and two brothers, Henry Kolln, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Herman Kolln, Sutherland, Iowa.

Mabel McKnight

PRINCETON -- Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel McKnight, 94, 102 3rd St., Princeton, were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11 in the McGinnis Chapel, Bettendorf. The Rev. Alan Henderson, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton, conducted the service.

Ralph DeReus sang "In The Garden" and "Abide With Me."

Burial was in Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Princeton. Pallbearers were Robert Nissen, Sam Havenhill, Lewis McKnight, Eldon Mess and Harold Auliff.

Mrs. McKnight died the previous Monday in the Americana Nursing Center, Davenport, after an extended illness.

Mabel Speer, a life resident of Scott County, was born on Nov. 9, 1877 in Princeton. She married John W. McKnight on March 2, 1910 in Davenport. He preceded her in death on Nov. 16, 1967.

The couple was engaged in farming near Princeton until their retirement.

Mrs. McKnight is survived by a brother, Arthus Speer, Davenport.

William Patzer

LONG GROVE -- William Patzer, 82, rural Long Grove, died at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 in his home after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt, with the Rev. T. K. Spahn officiating.

Burial was in Davenport Memorial Park. Pallbearers were grandsons, Wayne, Robert, Michael and Richard Patzer, David Ingwersen and Kenneth Ahrndt.

McGinnis Funeral Home, DeWitt, was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Patzer was born on August 11, 1890 to Edward and Amelia Pohl Patzer in Puchawa, Russia. He came to the United States and directly to Iowa in 1917.

He married Minnie Ihlefeldt on May 18, 1921 in Davenport.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt. He was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Martin (Serean) Ahrndt, DeWitt, Mrs. Jens (Elva) Ingwersen, rural Long Grove, and Mrs. Robert (Norma) Redman, Springfield, Illinois; a son, Richard, Eldridge; thirteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and a brother, Reynold Patzer, Winnepeg, Canada.

Preceeding him in death were his parents and a sister.

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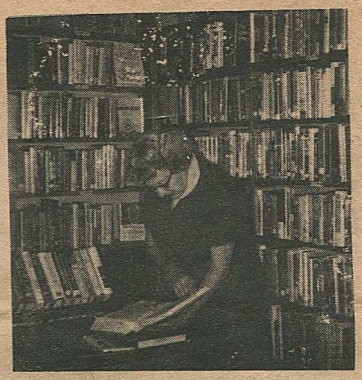

Mrs. Ella Fick

Tell Facilities, Services Available At Princeton Library

PRINCETON -- The Princeton library, a branch of the Scott County Library, provided much information, enjoyment and free library services to all interested local residents.

Mrs. Ella Fick, who has been librarian nearly 15 years, is always happy to assist and make suggestions. Mrs. Sam Havenhill is her assistant.

There is a catalog of books that gives patrons information on books available. Large framed pictures are loaned for eight-week periods, as well as records and record players, projectors and tape recorders.

An unusual aspect is non-fiction books are almost as popular as fiction, particularly the reference books which are checked out overnight as well as science and "how to do" books.

Paperbacks are popular and the amount available has more than tripled.

Ninety eight periodical magazines were in circulation last month. Added recently is the popular "how to" magazine which gives suggestions on gifts, etc. Western magazines and "Outdoor Life", along with a booklet on Iowa and "Hunting and Trapping Laws Synopsis" have recently been donated.

There are approximately 4500 books in the Princeton station and the public is urged and invited to make use of the many services offered at the library.

Princeton library hours are: Monday- 1 to 6 p.m.; Thursday- 6 to 9 p.m.; Friday- 2 to 5 p.m.; Saturday- 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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There is no admission charge.

Princeton Youth Group Renovates Vets Memorial

PRINCETON -- The Veteran's monument which stands in front of Princeton City Hall and is the scene of the annual wreath laying ceremony on Memorial Day, has had a "face lifting."

More than a dozen young people who are members of the Princeton Community Senior High Youth Groups landscaped and refurbished the site.

The group used $16 from their own treasury and bought and planted ten decorative yew hedges around the memorial.

With the permission of the owner, they removed old brick from an abandoned house, chipped away the mortar and laid the brick into a walkway around the monument. They placed white pea gravel around the yew plants as a decorative touch and as a mulch for the hedges.

The monument was scrubbed and years of dirt and grime removed. According to Mrs. Arthur Anderson, one of the group's counselors, the project was conceived by the group themselves. "It grew out of a discussion he had one night about what the role of a youth group should be" she said. "They agreed they wanted to do something constructive for the community. We contacted the city fathers and they made the suggestion."

The group is planning other projects, including some yard clean-ups for aged people.

The group meets every Thursday night in the Presbyterian Church, led by the Rev. Don Pierson.

Membership is open to all senior high school age young people in he community.

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Family Page

Mary Dannatt Honored On 98th Anniversary

PRINCETON -- Mrs. Mary Dannatt, a five-year resident of the Americana Nursing Center, Davenport, was 98 years old Sunday and in honor of the occasion, nine members of her immediate family and her roommate, Mrs. Connelly, held a "get-together" for refreshments in the activity room.

Cecil Fletcher and Robert Kuhns entertained with songs and music.

All residents who had an April birthday were honored earlier in the week.

Mrs. Dannatt was born in Princeton. She married the late Arthur Dannatt. They farmed here until 1935 when she moved to Davenport.

Her family includes four daughters, Mrs. Ralph (Mildred) Porter, Princeton, Mrs. Charles (Evelyn) Roll, Minnesota, Mrs. Frank (Gladys) Peitscher, DeWitt and Mrs. Dorothy Faur, Davenport; a son, Eugene, Princeton; 13 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Dannatt has been sightless for the past six year. She is very alert, enjoys company, recognizes voices, and her daughter, Mrs. Porter, reads many books to her. She remembers and recites poetry. She has a most pleasing personality and is a favorite of employees at the center.

Mrs. Dannatt is a slight five feet tall, and weighs about 100 pounds. The following poem was composed by an employee of the center, Mrs. Jerome McAndrew, Lost Nation, and dedicated to her for Mother's Day, 1967:

"Your eyes are clothed in darkness like the velvet shawl of night
And yet the sunshine in your soul seems to radiate life.
Becuase you no longer enjoy the world's panoramic view,
Gladly, little lady, I will share my eyes with you.
Your letters I shall write for you

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Century Old Hall Sold

PRINCETON -- The I.O.O.F. Hall, nearly 100 years old, has been purchased by Glen Suiter and Charles Johnson who will take possession January 1.

Echo Rebekah Lodge members who meet regularly in the building, will meet in the Civic Center on the second and fourth Thursday nights. Members will have a public auction in the near future to sell furniture and other equipment.

The following account of the origin of the lodge is taken from an 1882 copy of Scott County history:

"The lodge received a charter April 30, 1872 under the name of Swan Lodge No. 234, I.O.O.F.

The lodge occupied a hall owned by L. S. Chamberlain until January 6, 1879 when the block in which the hall was located was burned. In this fire the lodge lost all its paraphernalia and other property amounting to $500. This was a severe blow as there was no insurance on the property.

As usual in such cases, the lodge appealed for hlep to other lodges in the jurisdiction of Iowa. The appeal was handsomely responded to, and with the efforts of the lodge it was able to erect for itself, during the summer of 1879, a neat and substantial brick building 32 x 45 feet, two stories with a cellar. The upper story is neatly furnished and used as a lodge room; the lower is used for a store room.

Connected with this lodge is Echo Rebekah Lodge No. 104, composed of the members, the wives, sisters and daughters of members of Swan Lodge."

The last social function to be held in I.O.O.F. hall was the annual Past Noble Grand Christmas party Friday night attended by 25 members of lodge families.

Cards were played after dinner and winners were Bobby Perez, Mr. and Mrs. August Erling, Elma Elliott, Martha and Walter Holst, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holst, Mrs. Rinker, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wolf, Alvena Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Holst and Bess Sierk.

The January meeting of Past Noble Grands will be with Mrs. Claude Arney in Clinton.

Rebekah Lodge Elects Officers

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PRINCETON -- Edna Holst was elected Noble Grand of Echo Rebekah Lodge at the regular meeting Thursday. Martha Holst

Airman Named Unit

And read those sent your way;
And describe the pretty dresses
You choose to wear each day.
Although you are 93, you seem
much younger to me --
You are so optimistic knowing it
is hard for you to see.
The warmth in your sunny smiles
comes from an inner glow.
Your wisdom proves you have
forgotten more than I will ever
know.
Little lady, let me help you and be
a faithful guide,
It is a privilege -- you see more
than I with eyes open wide.

Do You Remember?

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Four Years Ago, July 24, 1968

Eldridge Vigilantes No. 1 team placed first in the annual pistol shoot sponsored by the Scott County Bankers Vigilantes Association held at the Davenport police pistol range at Mt. Joy on July 17. The team scored 429 points out of a possible 450.

The Vigilantes were organized in the 1920's, and Scott County is the only county in the state maintaining a continuous organization.

Two were injured in a boat motor explosion at the Midway Marina, Princeton, on July 13. Donald Schultz, 16, and David Keeling, 17, both of Princeton, were listed in satisfactory condition at Osteopathic Hospital.

36 4-H'ers leave on July 27 for Washington, D.C. where they will attend a Citizenship Short Course at the University of Maryland.

Mrs. James Mohr, rural Eldridge, was named chairman of the official Iowa delegation to attend the 1968 LCW Triennial convention at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

Veterans of World War I held a reunion in the home of Henry Blake, 7144 Northwest Blvd., Davenport, with 17 members attending. One member, William Ronsick, Humboldt, Kansas, traveled 482 miles to attend the reunion. These men were members of Company L, 349th Infantry of the 88th Division of World War I.

Oldest member present was Richard Lord, 80.

Two Years Ago, July 22, 1970

31 4-H'ers from North Dakota will take part in a week-long exchange with 32 Scott County 4-H'ers in a two-way visitation. The northern visitors will learn about corn and bean fields, and the Scott County 4-H'ers will return the visit in 1971 and learn about sugar beets and potatoes.

Central Trust and Savings Bank placed second in the bank officer class in the Scott County Bankers Association annual Vigilante Shoot, with team total of 418 out of a possible 450.

Glen Keppy, a 1966 graduate of North Scott Community High School, reported to the training camp of the Pittsburgh Steelers of the American Conference of the National Football League. The six-week training camp is at Latrobe, Pa. Glen, the first North Scott athlete ever selected by the pros, was drafted 15th in the January player draft. He is 6'5", 265 lbs., and has a speed of 5.0 in 40 yards. Glen attended Wisconsin State University, Platteville.

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Four Years Ago, Dec. 11, 1968

The town of Princeton will attempt to provide ice skating for townspeople by flooding the blacktop behind the old school. Benches have been installed by the Junior High group of the Presbyterian Church for the skaters convenience in putting on and removing skates, and plans include the installation of a charcoal burner for warming hands.

Don Richlen, Dixon, shot an 8 point buck deer near the creek in his pasture Sunday.

The Lancers rolled to a 65-38 victory over the Riverdale Rams last Friday. The Lancer sophs were also victorious, dropping the Rams 45-31. The Lancers were not so fortunate in basketball Tuesday night when the Bettendorf Bulldogs dumped them 70-43. The Lancer sophs were edged out with a 57-52 score by the Bullpups.

Santa is busy visiting youngsters in all the area towns and merchants are busy promoting Christmas sales. The Lions Club Christmas tree sales are in full swing.

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Two Years Ago, December 9, 1970

Neighbors of George Claeys, Long Grove, brought their equipment and plowed 60 acres of farmland Saturday. Claeys is confined to St. Luke's Hospital with a broken leg and back injuries incurred when he fell from a machine shed Nov. 9.

Mrs. Marvel Snyder, Dixon, melded 1000 aces in a pinochle game during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Postal officials announced that lobby windows will be open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. the last two Saturdays prior to Christmas.

60 police officers from the Quad Cities and outlying areas competed in the Bettendorf Invitational Indoor Pistol Match Sunday. Eldridge Chief of Police Harley Osmun was grand aggregate winner with a total score of 543 out of a possible 600 points.

Ron Green, Eldridge, bagged a 6 point buck deer weighing 115 pounds locally last Sunday. Ron says, "it's a terrific way to warm up on a very cold morning."

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Four Years Ago, October 30, 1968

A new 500 gallon pumper, complete with all the latest, most modern equipment, has been added to the McCausland Fire Dept. The company of 17 firemen served Fire District No. 2 which includes all of Butler Township and parts of Princeton Township.

More than 125 persons toured the new addition to Princeton's City Hall which was on display Sunday. The addition, added at a cost of $12,000, includes a community room, mayor's office, kitchen area, laboratory and restrooms. The project was financed by city government and the fire department.

Twenty ladies attended a coffee hosted by Mrs. Earl Brockhouse, Princeton, for Sheriff William (Blackie) Strout, Democratic candidate for Scott County Sheriff.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held recently for the new Scott County Farm Bureau offices to be constructed on E. LeClaire Road, Eldridge.

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Two Years Ago, October 28, 1970

A PhonoCardioScan heart screening program scheduled for this week in the North Scott Elementary Schools has been postponed. No new date has been set.

Larry R. Jungmann has opened a new law office in the old Central Trust and Savings Bank building. Mrs. Jungmann is a teacher at Edward White Elementary School.

One of the few remaining landmarks, the Milwaukee railway between Eldridge and Dixon, is in the process of being removed. The route was proposed as a bridle path, bicycle path or hiking and hunting area but the proposal was abaondoned after numerous protests. Much of the land may revert to property owners along the right-of-way.

Roy Keppy, rural Davenport, won the corn husking championship last Saturday, defeating 18 other senior contestants. His son, Glenn Keppy, took the championship in the junior division. Cong. Fred Schwengel placed 11th. He also won the title of "Mr. Clean" for having the lowest deductions for gleanings and husks.

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Four Years Ago, July 3, 1968

Dale Moore, Donahue, and Allan Haack, Eldridge were re-elected secretary and vice president, respectively, of the Scott County Sheriff's Posse.

Summit Presbyterian Church will observe its 110th anniversary on July 7.

The Donahue Osteopathic Guild furnished two rooms, the Meditation Room and the Solarium, at the new Osteopathic Hospital in Davenport.

July 4 celebration at Dixon Memorial Park will include a barbecue beef dinner, kiddie's parade, baseball games and fireworks.

Plans have been finalized for the sixth annual Summer Festival to be held on July 7. Sponsoring the festival is the Eldridge Lions Club.

The Long Grove Civic League is completing plans for a foundation and basement for the old two-room schoolhouse moved onto the Civic Center site in Long Grove.

St. James Catholic Church, Princeton, will hold its annual Summer Social on July 14.

Two Years Ago, July 1, 1970

Scott County Supervisor Robert Duax' proposal to create a sanitary landfill at the Scott County Park is meeting considerable opposition. A meeting was set for July 11 at the Scott County Park main shelter at which time area residents will present their case to the Conservation Board.

The North Scott Band returned from the Manisphere, Winnepeg, Canada with a trophy for winning second place among the nine bands competing in Class AA. The band marched in a parade in Winnepeg, and appeared on BBC-TV.

The North Scott District Board of Education accepted the resignation of Dale Proctor as principal of Alan Shepard Elementary School, Long Grove, and John Glenn Elementary School, Donahue, Proctor has accepted a position with the West Des Moines School system.

The school board reported a need for approximately 500 feet of snow fencing to be used at the high school baseball diamond.

The Princeton Women's Club will sponsor their second annual Pet Show July 9.

Jane Ewoldt, Eldridge, left June 15 to spend the summer in Finland under the International Youth Exchange program "Youth For Understanding."

83 students of Argo Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School, teachers and helpers combined the two weeks offerings and raised over $100 for the Sixth Street Community Center, Davenport to provide milk for children reached by the center.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?
Two Years Ago, June 10, 1970

Stan Hermetet's entry in the Eldridge Centennial Emblem Contest won him the first prize of a $25 Savings Bond. Honorable mention went to Mrs. Gene Gast and Linda Hamann.

Plans are being completed for Long Grove's annual Strawberry Festival on Sunday, June 14.

Two teachers, Mrs. Wayne Wilder and Mrs. Mervin Helble, were honored at closing ceremonies at Virgil Grissom Elementary School, Princeton on a combined total of 60 years of teaching. Mrs. Wilder spent 32 years in the teaching profession, and Mrs. Helble 28.

A Merit Award for special services to scouting was presented to Robert Wallace for his more than 20 years work with Boy Scouts.

Shari Boyle, a second grader at Virgil Grissom Elementary School, Princeton, received honorable mention for her entry in the Triple A National School Traffic Safety Poster Contest.

1970-71 Scott County 4-H officers were elected at Rally Day: president - Suzie Dittmer, Sheridan Hustlers Seniors; vice president - Leann Ott, Blue Grass Sunshine Workers; secretary - Debbie Spies, Butler Wide-Awakes; treasurer - Donna Friederichs, Hickory Grove Blue Belles; historian - Pamela Hass, Liberty Bell Ringers.

DO YOU REMEMBER?
Four Years Ago, June 12, 1968

Two Cadette Scouts, Joanne Dumar, Long Grove, and Ardyce Marsh, Eldridge, earned the rank of First Class. Both girls are members of Cadette Troop 57 led by Mrs. Stan Hermetet.

Commencement at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, was a family affair for Jack Hill, Long Grove. Hill received his Master of Arts degree from the College of Business Administration, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. George Horton received her M.A. degree in Library Science. Her brother, John Hunkins, received a B.A. degree and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

The Frank Snyder home, Dixon, was struck by lightning June 9. The bolt followed wires in the house, blowing out light bulbs, the TV and the telephone.

The Rev. Don Pierson, Princeton, observes the 15th anniversary of his ordination to theGospel Ministry this month.

First second and third place winners in the Scott County Beef Producers essay contest were Jeff Paul, LeClaire, Marcia Rock, Dixon, and Roger Baetke, Eldridge.

Craig Miller, Eldridge, is attending Electronics Technician School at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Governor's Island, N. Y.

Scott County 4-H officers were elected at Rally Day at the Walcott Coliseum: president-Jeanna Hass, Liberty Bell Ringers; vice president-Janice Schneckloth, Sheridan Hustlers; secretary-Wynne Hamann, Lincoln Go-Getters; treasurer-Doris Rock, Hickory Grove Blue Belles, and historian-Ladonna Mohr, Pleasant Valley Pals.

Way-Back-When Days Recalled At Lodges' Potluck Meal Sunday

PRINCETON -- Thirty members of Echo Rebekah Lodge and Swan Lodge IOOF enjoyed a potluck noon meal in IOOF Hall Sunday.

Edna Holst, Noble Grand, represented the group and reviewed some of the earlier activities of both organizations. She introduced various members who have belonged for a length of time.

Mary Mess, who joined 57 years ago, reminisced on early lodge days.

The block where the lodge hall is now located was a large store. Two grocery stores were located in the town. Many celebrations were held in the early days of Odd Fellows-Rebekah meetings. Davenport and Princeton lodges joined together for dances and parties.

Mrs. Mess served all offices twice and was a Rebekah Assembly delegate several times. She now makes her home in Long Beach, California where her sister, Edith Haines, is a 60-year member of the local lodge. Their mother, Leah Bickel, was also a long-time Rebekah.

Wesley Schmalz became an Odd Fellow 45 years ago. His father, Andrew Schmalz, was an Odd Fellow and a Rebekah and went through all the chairs.

Echo Rebekah is an active organization that meets twice a month. Pearl Erling is president of Past Noble Grands Club that meets for a monthly dinner meeting and social time.

The Odd Fellows have had a large membership in the past, and several get together for meetings now with Louie Helble, Noble Grand.

A POTLUCK SUPPER WAS HOSTED BY THE PRINCETON Echo Rebekah Lodge in honor of the Odd Fellowship which was 100 years old on Wednesday, April 26. The event was held in the I.O.O.F. Lodge Hall, pictured above. The building, built in 1879, has been the center for many activities for residents in and around the Princeton area.

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John W. Matlock

PRINCETON -- John W. Matlock, 58, 309 West Fourth Street, Princeton, was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Luke's Hospital, Davenport, Sunday, December 17, after an apparent heart attack. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday (today) in the McGinnis Chapel, Bettendorf. The Reverend Walter S. Wendt, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Davenport, will conduct the service. Burial will be in Oakdale Cemetery, Davenport. Military rites will be conducted by Buffalo Bill Post 347 of the American Legion, LeClaire.

Mr. Matlock was born April 5, 1914 in St. James, Missouri. He married Mary Forristall on June 14, 1951 in Bettendorf. He was a veteran of World War Two. He served as vice commander of Buffalo Bill Post 347 and was chaplain of the Scott County organization. Mr. Matlock was employed by Siver Steel Casting Company, Bettendorf.

Surviving are his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Harley (Patricia) Walker, Sr. and Mrs. Jerry (Gloria) Allan, both of Princeton and Mrs. Clyde (Janice) Shown of Utica, Kentucky; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and two sisters; Mrs. Henry Lamster of Fredricktown, Missouri and Mrs. George Browning of St. Louis, Missouri. A sister and brother preceded him in death.

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Membership Pin

Do You Remember?

Interesting items from North Scott Press files selected and edited by Helen Zogg.

Four Years Ago, June 5, 1968

Plans being finalized for Long Grove's Strawberry Festival on June 9. Antiques will be on display, including a sign from a general store owned and operated by Dan Nagle's father, and a scale believed to have been used in the original store owned and operated by George Curtis in the late 1800's.

St. Ann's Catholic Church, rural Long Grove, has been offered the use of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church facilities during the time the road to St. Ann's is closed for paving.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Curtis were presented with a plaque in appreciation of their donation of the Cody Homestead to the Scott County Conservation Board.

Stender Airport, Maysville, was opened with official ribbon-cutting ceremonies on June 2.

Dixon Memorial Park recorded its largest attendance since the opening on May 10, 1950, when 1,000 persons gathered at the park on Thursday, May 30. Over 600 ham dinners were served, plus hundreds of hot dog and hamburger meals.

49th annual Memorial Day service was held at Summit Presbyterian Church on May 30.

James R. Clemons, Princeton, was presented with scouting's highest award, the "Lamb Award" for his 23 years of service as Cub Scoutmaster, Boy Scoutmaster, Explorer Advisor and committeeman. He has also been Ranger and quartermaster at Camp Minneyata.

He received the Knights of Pythias Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Service in Boy Scout Leadership, the first to be given in the State of Iowa, and the second ever issued in the United States. He was presented with the Honor Scouters Award in June, 1965.

Two Years Ago, June 3, 1970

The North Scott Music Boosters sponsored a dance as a final effort to earn funds to help finance the North Scott band's trip to Winnepeg, Canada where they will attend Manisphere 100, in conjunction with the Manitoba Province centennial year.

Residents in the McCausland area were victims of the worst flash flood in decades Sunday night, May 24. Farmers living in the area for 60 to 70 years said they never saw anything like it. Five to six inches of rain fell in less than five hours, turning creeks into rivers and fields into lakes. Some farms were almost completely covered by water, which came with such force that it made its own path through farm yards, fields and over roads. It smashed fences and washed away roads, and tons of gravel were washed from the roadways into ditches and fields. Over two feet of water was running over Utica Ridge Road and the McCausland blacktop. Farmers lost much of their crop which was either washed away, buried under silt and sand, or drowned out. Some livestock was also lost.

Although the waters receded by Monday morning, the evidence remained: a telephone pole lying in the middle of a field; 80 rods of fence in another; ditches filled with soil and fences flattened; trash in the middle of raods and basements filled with water.

Seven girls escaped serious injury when a 1969 Olds Cutlass driven by Margaret Auliff, rural Princeton, was struck in the rear by a 1970 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Roger Rowson, rural DeWitt. The accident occurred on Highway 61 near Gambril. The Camaro plowed through the trunk and up to the back seat of the Cutlass. Both were estimated a total loss. Debris from the accident struck and damaged a third car driven by Dennis Fahrenkrog, Eldridge. Charges were filed against Rowson.

Dixon Legion Post 353 selected Ronald Brus and Terry Giebelstein as delegates to Boys State.

Descendants of Jurgen and Dorothea Holst held their 30th annual family reunion on May 31.

Do You Remember?

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Four Years Ago, December 18, 1968

A very old-time custom was revived at St. Ann's Catholic Church last Sunday when parishioners, young and old, participated in a procession to the altar, depositing articles of food. Many boxes were filled with the food to be packed in baskets and distributed to the needy for Christmas.

Norbert Albrecht, rural Long Grove had a yield of 159.96 bushels of corn per acre to win the Scott County Corn Yield Contest. William Storjohann, Rt. 4, Davenport, was close behind with his yield of 159.91 bushels per acre. Albrecht's win was the largest and closest in the history of the contest in Scott County, with 60 of the 69 entrants completing.

Glen Keppy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Keppy, Rt. 3, Davenport, and a graduate of North Scott High School, was named "Pioneer-Of-The-Week" by "The Exponent", campus newspaper at Wisconsin State University, Platteville. Keppy won the honor after winning the heavyweight division championship at the State Collegiate Wrestling Tournament at Superior, Wis. He was also an outstanding defense tackle on the Pioneer co-championship football team this fall.

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Two Years Ago, December 16, 1970

A bell, saved from the old elementary school at Princeton, will be mounted at the new Virgil Grissom Elementary School. Design for the mounting was submitted by Mrs. Rita Mackin, art teacher at Virgil Grissom. Cost of the mounting will be paid in part by the 1965 Young People's Flood Fund. Brick was donated by Dean Frye Construction.

Photos depicting "winter wonderland" in Scott County show the effect of the recent ice storm in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hamann and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keppy, all of rural Eldridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Paulsen, Walcott returned Friday evening after a week's trip to Jamaica Island.

Santa Claus has opened a North Pole mail box at the Princeton post office.

Daniel Greenlee, Davenport, was fined $200 and costs in Mayor's Court Dec. 5 on a charge of possession of deer.

Do You Remember?

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Four Years Ago, January 1, 1969

A Clinton man, Lewis Alley, was booked on a charge of OMVI after an accident at the Eldridge Corners on Christmas Eve. Alley, driving a car owned by a Davenport woman, was charged by the Scott County sheriff's department after he ran a car through the garage door at John's Mobil Station. He posted bond.

Donahue lumber and grain dealer, Harland Rohlk is recuperating from broken ribs and bruises incurred in a fall.

Del Downs, Eldridge, was elected president of the Quint-City Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs for 1969.

Two Years Ago, December 30, 1970

A religious display at the Rudy Mumm farm home, near McCausland, won first place in the religious category in District 6 Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by Eastern Iowa Light and Power Co-Op, Wilton Junction.

Sally Mickelson was winner of the DAR Good Citizen's Contest for Scott County High Schools. - Sally is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mickelson, Eldridge and a senior at North Scott Community High School.

John Toft celebrated his 88th birthday at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Schmalz, Princeton. Highlight of the celebration was the receipt of a personal greeting from President Richard Nixon.

Acting Postmaster John Packer is a patient at Mercy Hospital, Davenport. He was taken there after being found face down on the Eldridge Co-Op parking lot. It was undetermined whether he had fallen on the ice or become ill.

Princeton News Briefs . . .

PRINCTON -- Mrs. Margaret Kruse and her sisters, Mrs. Mae Suiter, Mrs. Martha Greenlee and Myrtle Ehlers, LeClaire, left Friday morning to attend the wedding of their niece, Nancy Dean, Wisconsin.

PRINCETON -- Pam Frazier is ill in her home with mononucleosis.

The Ed Podber family spent a month with relatives in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buckley and son are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hirl, Miami. Other guests are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maher. They plan to visit Disneyland and tour Key West Naval Base.

Herb Peitscher was taken to St. Luke's Hospital Wednesday for abdominal X-ray and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kane have purchased the Pain Hotel and will take residence soon. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pain will move to LeClaire.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Grosz are in Canada for a fishing vacation.

Dorothy Holdorf spent the weekend with relatives in Hannibal, Missouri.

Joyce and Earl Brockhouse spent a week in Minnesota on a fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. James Billups enjoyed a Minnesota fishing trip the past week.

Mrs. Earl Shafer visited in Florida recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fick enjoyed a western trip to Yellowstone and places of interest enroute.

LeClaire News

LE CLAIRE -- Mr. and Mrs. Gary Burkamer have returned from a vacation spent in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Romic entertained friends and neighbors at a pig barbecue on Saturday evening. The Romic's have lived in LeClaire for two years.

Do You Remember?

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Four Years Ago, November 20, 1968

Ribbon cutting ceremonies formally opened the new LeClaire State Bank, located on Highway 67 three blocks south of the old bank building on Nov. 13. The hexagonal building, made of Anamosa stone, includes drive-up facilities. Bank president is Glen Suiter.

Members of the Donahue Legion Post participated in the commemoration of the Legion's Golden Anniversary by planting a tree at the John Glenn Elementary School. This was reportedly the first tree planting by any Legion post in the state of Iowa. Two charter members of the post, Harold Hesse and Albert Runge, received special recognition at the ceremony.

The Scott County Library has on display dolls of varying sizes dressed in authentic hand-made costumes of earlier periods. The dolls were dressed by Mrs. Laura Tharp, Long Grove, who used reference books from the library to aid her in copying the 19th century creations.

Fourth graders at Edward White Elementary School had the opportunity to hear Tomio Shimada speak on Japan. Mr. Shimada is spending a year in the Ray Baetke home while studying dairying methods in this country.

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Two Years Ago, November 18, 1970

The body of Daniel Gross, 65, rural Davenport, was recovered from the Wapsi River north of Donahue on Nov. 13. He had been missing for a week. His car was found Thursday near the river with the keys still in the ignition.

Rondo Pietscher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pietscher, McCausland, has returned to his home in Seattle, Wash., after spending six months in Athens, Greece where he flew for Olympia Airways.

An exhibit of original Currier and Ives paintings were on display at the Meese Insurance Agency open house last Saturday and Sunday.

North Scott students will use funds earned through magazine sales to beautify the junior-senior high school grounds.

The Princeton Station of the Scott County Library will be honored at an open house Thursday commemorating 20 years of service to the community. Station attendant is Mrs. Ella Fick.

THE NEAR 100 YEAR OLD I.O.O.F. HALL in Princeton, Iowa, (pictured above) has been sold. Members of the Echo Rebekah and Swan Lodge will hold an Antique and Furniture Sale at the hall on Saturday, December 30, beginning at noon. Complete details may be found in the sale ad elsewhere in this issue.

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HIGHWAY (Continued from Page 1)

Do You Remember?

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Two Years Ago, May 20, 1970

The bell tower on the Argo United Presbyterian Church was damaged extensively by fire after being spruck by lightning last week. Fire fighters from Princeton, LeClaire and Pleasant Valley worked for three hours keeping the flames from spreading to other areas of the church. Officials are considering re-designing the area to eliminate further problems.

Jim Clemons, Princeton, was presented with scouting's highest honor, the Silver Beaver Award. Mr. Clemons just completed 25 years in scout work. The award is presented to "outstanding men for significant contributions to the Boy Scouts of America and local community affairs."

Wapo Meo (Happy Birds) Blue Birds planted a pin oak in the lawn of the Long Grove Civic League to commemorate National Beautification Week. Funds to purchase the tree were earned through cookie sales.

Numerous awards were presented to North Scott Band members at the Music Boosters potluck on May 18.

Director of Public Works John W. Miller asked the cooperation of the public in disposing of brush, limbs and branches.

Four Years Ago, May 22, 1968

Approximately 420 were served at the chicken supper celebrating the official opening of the new pavement at Donahue, May 18. Mayor Albert Karstens officiated at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Specifications for the new all-weather track at the North Scott Jr.-Sr. High School have been approved and authorized for submission to the contractors.

Clarence (Smitty) Smith, an employee at the Eldridge Cooperative Company, suffered severe injuries to his right hand when it was caught in a roller chain on a conveyor belt. The hand was amputated at University Hospitals, Iowa City.

Bruno Gottwald, a Brazilian student at Wartburg College, visited the Eldridge Cooperative Company, to learn first hand of the organization and operation of a co-op. Mr. Gottwald was born in Brazil of German parents. He plans to enter the Lutheran ministry.

Three area girls, Marilyn Schneckloth, Marsha Keppy and Marcia Rock, are candidates for the title of Scott County Pork Queen.

Larry Litscher and David Dahlin are delegates to Boys State from Carl Jacobsen American Legion Post 639.

Princeton Erects New Decorations

PRINCETON -- Several interested businessmen suggested Christmas lights for Main Street. A committee was formed, much interest shown and eight pole lighted decorations have been installed. An intersection decoration was also put up.

The idea "snowballed" -- $853.12 spent for the decoration was generously supported by donations and $11.54 over the goal will be used toward shipping costs.

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"Open House" To Honor Couple On 40th Anniversary

Do You Remember?

Interesting items from North Scott Press files selected and edited by Helen Zogg.

FOUR YEARS AGO, July 17, 1968 -- A $2,357,632 budget was adopted for the 1968-69 school year by the North Scott District Board of Education at their meeting on July 8. Teachers salaries were also discussed.

A public hearing will be held on the annual town budget on July 22.

Raymond Claeys, Long Grove, a member of the Green Berets, was awarded a citation for "meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces in the Republic of Viet Nam during the period of March, 1967 to January 27, 1968." It also included a Certificate of Service, and a certificate of appreciation from Disabled Veterans.

TWO YEARS AGO, July 15, 1970 -- Petitions signed by more 1,000 persons were presented to the Scott County Conservation Board members at a public hearing on a proposed sanitary lnadfill at the Scott County Park on Saturday, July 11.

Davenport City Treasurer Ted Lorenzen, speaking as a private citizen, spoke in objection to the proposal and was accorded a standing ovation after his concluding remark, "I protest vigorously putting a landfill in this park."

The North Scott District Board of Education adopted a $2,942,365 budget for the 1970-71 school year. They also accepted the resignation of Dale Proctor as principal of the John Glenn and Alan Shepard Elementary Schools.

The Rev. Donald Sondrol submitted his resignation as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, Dixon, effective August 31, to become chaplain - instructor at Grand View College, Des Moines.

Descendants of George and Mary Dietz, early settlers of Walcott, were reunited after a family separation of over 100 years. John Dietz left home at the age of 14 in 1872 after a disagreement with is father. He never contacted his parents after that. Through a meeting at a Boy Scout Jamboree in California, the relatives were reunited and two, Walter Dietz and Mrs. Hattie Dietz Hertzig, came from California to meet their Walcott cousins, Mrs. (Lenora) Dahms, Walter and Herbert Dietz.

A wide variety of pets were shown in the more than 70 entries in the second annual Pet Show sponsored by the Princeton Women's Civic Club.

Preparations continue for a barn dance to be held at the Fred Wessel farm on July 25, in connection with the Eldridge Centennial. Both square and round dancing will be enjoyed.

Pre-Nuptial Events Honor Bride-Elect

PRINCETON -- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greve will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday night, August 26, at the Camelot, Clinton.

A family dinner will precede an "open house" from 7 to 9 p.m. for relatives and friends.

Edith Krygman and Mr. Greve were married on August 25, 1922 in Tipton. They farmed in Clinton County before moving to Princeton 10 years ago where Mr. Greve is semi-retired.

They have a daughter, Mrs. William (Dorothy) Cole, Princeton, and a son, Franklin, Follett. There are five grandchildren.

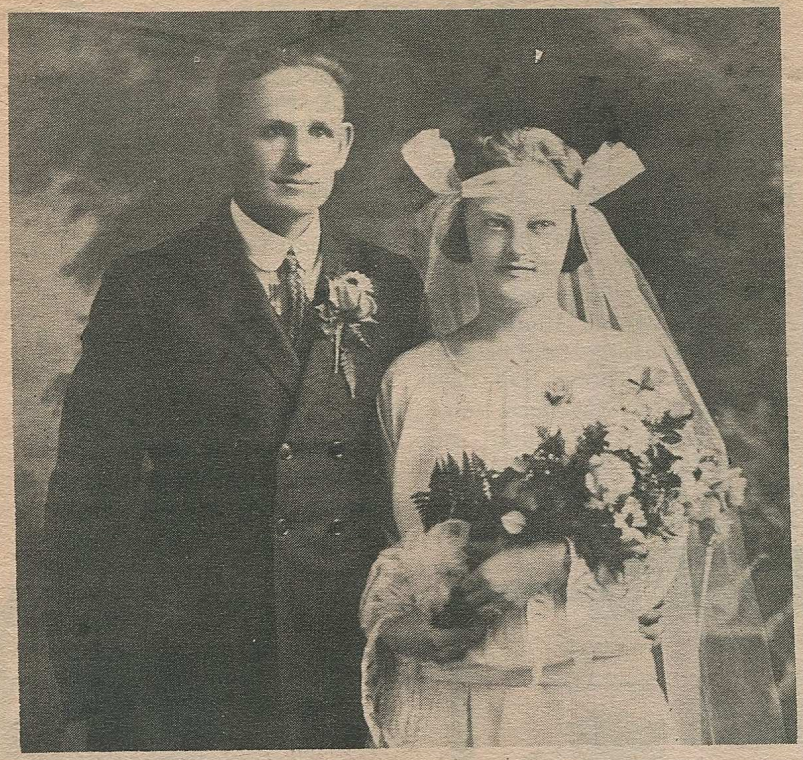
Miss Denise Jones, bride-elect

Margaret Gast

PRINCETON -- Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret "Maggie" Gast, 92, Princeton, were held at 3 p.m. Friday, August 18 in the McGinnis Chapel, Bettendorf. The Rev. Alan Henderson, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton, officiated.

Ralph DeReus sang "In The Garden" and "Beyond The Sunset". Burial was in Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Princeton. Pallbearers were Lloyd Roesger, Irwin Fletcher, Cecil Wulff, Wayne Brown, Alfred Schulz and LeRoy Schulz.

Mrs. Gast died Wednesday in a



Open House Nov. 25 To Fete

ANTIQUE AND FURNITURE SALE

Saturday, December 30, 1972

Starting at 12 o'clock noon

Having sold the near 100 old I.O.O.F. Hall, we will sell at public auction at the hall on main street in Princeton, Iowa, the following:

ANTIQUES

Music box, hanging lamp, walnut mirrors, very old low piano with number 87.72 from Reed and Sans, Chicago. 24 round back low wooden chairs, 24 high back oak chairs, picture frames wood box, two stove pipe stove and kerosene lamp pipe, 2 coal pails and shovels, 2 caned captain chairs, Walnut desk and chair, dishes, Walnut upholstered chair on rollers and large ceiling fan.

MISCELLANEOUS

Armstrong 700 gas furnace and pipes, stool and lavatory, kitchen sink, 15 foot bar with shelves and drawers, two mounted deer heads, five 10 foot folding picnic tables, saw horses and tables, right arm student chair, linoleum, 30 sheets paneling, doors, screens, florescent light fixtures, large oak desk with two sets of drawers, table, pots and pans, electric hot plate and numerous other articles.

ALSO FOR SALE

The old 40 foot by 60 foot (approx.) two story frame and brick building to be removed. It had antique brick, good dimension lumber and some cut stone.

TERMS-CASH

ECHO REBEKAH AND SWAN LODGE
I.O.O.F. MEMBERS

Elmer Gronewald--auctioneer.
Farmers Savings Bank -- clerk
Not Responsible For Accidents

Lunch served.

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Couple On Golden Anniversary

PRINCETON -- Mr. and Mrs. Art Doerscher, rural Princeton, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Princeton Civic Center on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Friends and relatives are invited to call between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m.

The former Malinda Franck and Mr. Doerscher were united in marriage on Nov. 22, 1922 in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, with the Rev. Jerome Miller officiating.

The couple farmed on Utica Ridge Road, Davenport, later moving to Rt. 1, Princeton, where they are now retired. Mrs. Doerscher was employed at Hirl's Standard Station for seven years.

Their family includes a daughter, Mrs. Merle (Delores) Hulke, Ottumwa, Iowa; two sons, Melvin, Davenport and Kenneth, rural Princeton, and five grandchildren.

Infant Baptized

ELDRIDGE -- Krista Marie Longlett, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Longlett, Eldridge, was baptized at the 10 a.m. service at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sunday, Nov. 12. Sponsors for Krista were her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Longlett, Bettendorf.

October 9, 1972

MR. AND MRS. JOHN W. MCKNIGHT

Mrs. McKnight was born in Princeton in 1878. Mr. McKnight was born in Princeton July 15, 1885. Mrs. McKnight the former Mabel Speer married John W. McKnight in 1910 in Davenport.

They were both well known lifetime residents of Scott County. Mr. McKnight died in 1967.

The couple had been engaged in farming near Princeton until retiring.

November 7, 1972

MR. AND MRS. DAVE OLIVER

Minnie Poston was born in Graettinger, Iowa in 1892. She married Dave Oliver in 1937 in Davenport. He died in 1952.

Mrs. Oliver was formerly a teacher at Sycamore School near LeClaire. She later served as a clerk and postmistress of the Princeton Post Office for 25 years.

January 16, 1973

MRS. CORA B. CARR

Cora Runyon was born in Letts, Iowa in 1889. She married Warren Keeler in 1910. He preceeded her in death. She married Charles C. Carr in 1932 in Aledo, Ill. He died in 1966.

February 3, 1973

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD A. TOBEY

Harold A Tobey was born near Low Moor in 1888. He married Marie Johnson in 1911 in Clinton. They were engaged in farming until retiring.

They had one son, Floyd; four grandchildren; and nine great-granchildren.

February 1, 1973

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR DOERSCHER

Arthur Doerscher was born in Scott County in 1896. He married Malinda Frank in 1923 in Davenport. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary November 1972.

Mr. Doerscher farmed in LeClaire and Princeton townships until retiring 10 years ago. He was a veteran of WWI.

They are parents of Mrs. Merle (Delores) Hulke, and sons, Melvin and Kenneth, and grandparents to five grandchildren.

HEINIE BOLL NEARS 50 YEARS AS A GROCER

by Bessie Sierk

Fifty years of storekeeping have passed for H.W.(Heinie) Boll, manager of Boll's General Store in Princeton. Boll, who started in Princeton after beginning "grocery" work it the Grover Meyer store in Maysville is one of the few of his trade still around.

Boll's first operation in Princeton began in the old brick building just north of the present two story brick building at 428 River Drive, where the present store is located.

Boll bought the business from a man named George Stitzel, and employed Ben Roach for two years, Seven years later the Community Hall was remodeled and Heinie rented two rooms on the first floor for a store. Later he bought the building and remodeled it into one large room, well stocked and meticulously kept.

In contrast to today's prices, Heinie can remember selling eggs for a dime a dozen and 10 pounds of beans for a quarter. He recalls the time he won a chest of silver for selling the most De-Laval cream separators - and he didn't realize it was a contest until he was rewarded.

Heinie met his wife, the former Selma Stadmueller of Monticello, who was a Princeton school teacher. They have been married 48 years.

Although Mr. Boll hasn't managed the store for eight years since his son Merlin became propietor, his "presence is felt" and he takes a daily active part.

Heinie will be honored at a get together Wednesday, December 13 at the Zion Lutheran Church, and the public is invited. In addition to a son, the Boll's have a daughter, Mrs. Leone Kosman and two grandsons of Ottumwa.

(artical from the North Scott Press 12/6/72)

(Henry W.(Heinie) Boll was born in Dixon on February 23, 1899 to Johannes and Bertha Wulf Boll. He married Selma Stadmueller in Monticello on January 15, 1925. She preceded him in death on August 7, 1974.

He started working in a Plain Veiw grocery store at the age of 14. He later attended Brown's Business College, Davenport, taking a courses in bookkeeping and shorthand.

Heinie worked at several jobs in various locations prior to opening Boll's Grocery in 1922. In addition to groceries his store stocked such items as harness and poultry feed. Some of his original customers still trade with him as did their children and grandchildren. He turned the management of the store over to his son, Merlin, in 1964 but continued to help part time with the business.

He was a 50 year member of the Snow Lodge AF & AM, LeClaire.)

SWAN LODGE NO.234 I.O.O.F. IS 100 YEARS OLD! (1972)
REBEKAH LODGE SLATES POTLUCK

PRINCETON-Odd Fellowship will be 100 years old on April 26, and in honor of the occasion the Princeton Echo Rebekah Lodge members will host a potluck dinner for Rebekahs, Odd Fellows and all former members. The dinner will be served in the I.O.O.F. lodge dining room.

Information gathered from the history of Scott County states that in the year of 1872 several persons, residents of Princeton, were attached to Eagle Lodge No.86 of Dewitt, Iowa. Feeling that they would like the pleasure of lodge association oftener than they could living so far away as they did, they came to the conclusion to form a lodge at home.

Accordingly, several residents applied to the Grand Lodge and received a charter. The lodge was duly instituted April 20,1872 under the name of Swan Lodge No.234, I.O.O.F. - the name it is still known as in Princeton.

According to the historical account, the lodge occupied a hall owned by L.S. Chamberlin until January 6,1879 when the block in which the hall was located burned. In this fire, the lodge lost all its paraphernalia and other property amounting to $500.

This was a severe blow, as there was no insurance on the property. As usual in such cases, the lodge appealed for help to other lodges in the jurisdiction of Iowa. The appeal was handsomely responded to, and with the efforts of the lodge, it was able to erect for itself, during the summer of 1879, a neat and substantial brick building 32x45 feet, two stories, with cellar.

Lodge meetings were held in the upstairs rooms until several years ago when the downstairs was remodeled into a lodge room and kitchen.

The Odd Fellow Lodge in Princeton boasted some 50 members formerly and many social activities were held and sponsored by the group.

Echo Rebekah Lodge No.104 was organized formerly for the wives, sisters, and daughters of Odd Fellows.

Louis Helble is Noble Grand of the local I.O.O.F. group, and Edna Holst is Noble Grand of the Rebekahs. There is an active Past Noble Grand Club of Rebekahs. Mrs. Paul Erling is president of that group.

WAY-BACK-WHEN DAYS

.....The block where the lodge hall is now located was a large store. Two grocery stores were located in the town. Many celebrations were held in the early days of Odd Fellows-Rebekah meetings. Davenport and Princeton lodges joined together for dances and parties. Mary Mess joined 57 years ago and has served all offices twice. Wesley Schmalz became an Odd Fellow 45 years ago. His father, Andrew was an Odd Fellow and went through all the chairs.

Also honored were Mrs. Anne Graham of Davenport and Mrs. Elizabeth Woods, both 50 year members of the Rebekahs.

1982-Mildred Holst and Bessie Sierk 50 years of membership. Edith Haines 70 years membership. Edna Holst and Wilma Holst 25 years.

100th Year Observed

A hundred years of comradeship were celebrated here Sunday by members and past members of the Swan Lodge, IOOF (International Order of Odd Fellows) and Echo Rebekah Lodge.

"Our lasting strength is drawn from looking out for each other," Mrs. August Erling, Princeton, president of the Past Noble Grands, said.

"WE HAVE business and social gatherings, like any other organization," Mrs. Erling said. "But beyond that, ours is a group whose members care about each other," she said.

The caring is a hallmark for the lodges throughout the nation.

After the Princeton Lodge lost all its property in a fire in 1879, an appeal was issued to other IOOF and Rebekah lodges in the Iowa jurisdiction.

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A special guest was Mrs. Mary Mess of Long Beach, Calif., who joined the Rebekahs 57 years ago.

Also honored were 50-year members Mrs. Anne Graham of Davenport and Mrs. Elizabeth Woods of Princeton and 45-year member Wesley Schmaly of Princeton.

Presiding for the event were Louis Helble, Princeton, Noble Grand of the IOOF and Mrs. Holst.

Rebekah Lodge Slates Potluck

PRINCETON--Odd Fellowship will be 100 years old on April 26, and in honor of the occasion the Princeton Echo Rebekah Lodge members will host a potluck dinner for Rebekahs, Odd Fellows and all former members. The dinner will be served in the I.O.O.F. lodge dining room.

Information gathered from the history of Scott County states that in the year of 1872 several persons, residents of Princeton, were attached to Eagle Lodge No. 86 of DeWitt, Iowa. Feeling that they would like the pleasure of lodge association oftener than they could living so far away as they did, they came to the conclusion to form a lodge at home.

Accordingly, several residents applied to the Grand Lodge and received a charter. The lodge was duly instituted April 20, 1872 under the name of Swan Lodge No. 234, I.O.O.F. - the name it is still known as in Princeton.

According to the historical account, the lodge occupied a hall owned by L.S. Chamberlin until January 6, 1879 when the block in which the hall was located burned. In this fire, the lodge lost all its paraphernalia and other property amounting to nearly $500.

This was a severe blow, as there was no insurance on the property. As usual in such cases, the lodge appealed for help to other lodges in the jurisdiction of Iowa. The appeal was handsomely responded to, and with the efforts of the lodge, it was able to erect for itself, during the summer of 1879, a neat and substantial brick building 32x45 feet, two stories, with cellar.

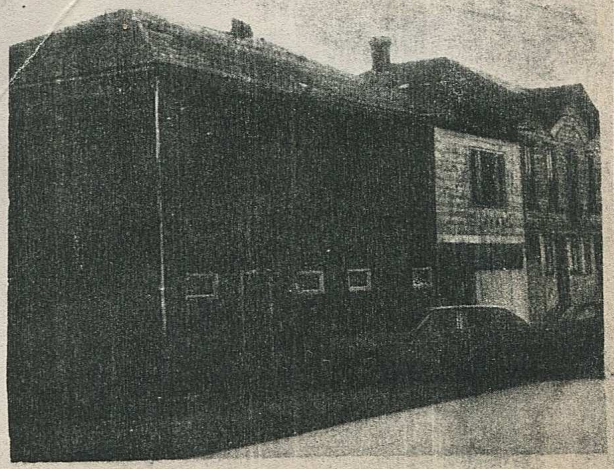
Lodge meetings were held in the upstairs rooms until several years ago when the downstairs was remodeled into a lodge room and kitchen.

The Odd Fellow Lodge in Princeton boasted some 50 members formerly and many social activities were held and sponsored by the group.

Echo Rebekah Lodge No. 104 was organized formerly for the wives, sisters and daughters of Odd Fellows.

Louis Helble is Noble Grand of the local I.O.O.F. group, and Edna Holst is Noble Grand of the Rebekahs. There is an active Past Noble Grand Club of Rebekahs. Mrs. Paul Erling is president of that group.

50 YEAR MEMBERS OF THE REBEKAH LODGE, Princeton are Anne Graham, Davenport; Elizabeth Wood, Princeton; Mary Mess, Long Beach California; and Edith Haines, Long Beach, California. Edith Haines has been a member 60 years.



THE NEAR 100 YEAR OLD I.O.O.F. HALL in Princeton, Iowa, (pictured above) has been sold. Members of the Echo Rebekah and Swan Lodge will hold an Antique and Furniture Sale at the hall on Saturday, December 30, beginning at noon. Complete details may be found in the sale ad elsewhere in this issue.

NSP PHOTO

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Echo Rebekah and Swan Lodge
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100 YEAR OLD GOSSIP - Letter to Louis Goller 1973

...My Aunt Mary Metzger Stafford spoke often of the Gollers. The early Germans fratornized pretty much to themselves and enjoyed conversation in their native tongue. They were honest and industrious much in contrast to most of the Irish. My grandfather Benjamin Metzger, Sr. was from the same area in Germany as your grandfather. Several families, who were friends there, united again in the Princeton area. Before marriage, my grandmother Metzger was Julia Ries from an upper crust family. She was alienated from her folks when she married Benjamin, a shoemaker, and of all things a band orchestra leader!! Regardless of this, their children all turned out well. My grandfather however kept my mother almost in servatude. He took her wages when she was a school teacher and the money she earned as a hired girl, before that. At the age of 19 she found relief by marrying my father Job Dodge Dennis. He became the towns leading citizen as merchant, grain dealer, banker, etc...
My mother was a great inspiration to him and contributed much to his success.

I was the youngest of 11 children born to them.

Now your grandfather Goller's grave has always been mowed and kept up in a neat fashion. A small shrub served as a headstone and endured all those years. Had all of you stayed in Princeton I am sure we would have been close friends, the same as our grandparents were, in the last century. With my kindest regards to you.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Dennis

March 5, 1973

WALTER E. DENNIS, RIVERBOAT PILOT

Mr. Walter E. Dennis was born in Princeton in 1896.
Mr. Dennis, a riverboat pilot, was chosen to bring the Draft Navel Reserve Subchaser from St. Louis, Mo. to Burlington. He was a lifetime resident of Princeton, Iowa.

March 8, 1973

MR. AND MRS. ROY B. MCGINNIS

Mr. Roy B. McGinnis was born in Princeton in 1903. He mstarted in the funeral business with his father in 1923 in Princeton. Mr. Mc innis later operated the Babyland Store, 112 E. 4th St., Davenport.
He also had been employed 17 years at the J.I. Case Co., retiring in 1967.
Mr. McGinnis had served as Scott County coroner, being appointed to that office in 1949. He was a life resident of Scott County.
Mr. McGinnis married Martha Schroeder in 1942 in Nebraska. He had graduated from Hohenschuh-Worsham College, Des Moines, and Worsham College of Mortuary Science, Chicago.
Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis are the parents of Ruth Faye and Roy L.. They also have to granddaughters.

May 26, 1973

MR. AND MRS. EARNEST HOLST

Mr. Holst was born in Princeton in 1882. He married Minnie W. Bucks in 1905 in Davenport, She died in 1965. The couple had farmed near Princeton until retiring.
Mr. and Mrs. Holst were parents of Mrs. Alven Kitchen, Mrs. Levi (Florence) Kitchen and a son, Edward. They had eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

June 19, 1973

MR. AND MRS. JOHN M. TOFT

Mr. Toft was born in Kolding, Denmark in 1883. He married Kristine Kargaard in Kolding in 1913. They farmed most of their life in Scott County.
Mr. and mrs. Toft are parents of Mrs. Wayne (Johanna) Wilder, Mrs. Wesley (Edith) Schmalz, and sons, Evald and Anton. They have 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

July 26, 1973

MR. AND MRS. ERNEST W. PRUETT

Mr. Pruett was born Arrow Rock, Mo. 1890. He married Margaret Fletcher in 1946 in Nasnua, Iowa.

Mr. Pruett owned and operated the Mt. Ida Grocery stoe in Davenport. He later opened a restaurant in Princeton.

The couple had two sons, Jack Pruett and Dr. Sam Fletcher. Also, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

August 1973

PASTOR RESIGNS

The Rev. Don F. Pierson, pastor of Princeton Presbyterian Church the past ten years has resigned effective Sept. 2 to become pastor of the Nameoki Presbyterian Church, Granite City, Ill.

The Illinois church, near St. Louis, Mo., has about 250 members, and the Princeton congregation about 150.

A congregational meeting is set for Aug. 26 after the 9:30 a.m. worship to act on the resignation.

In the decade he served at Princeton, Pastor Pierson has been active in community work, interdenominational activities and Southeast Presbytery of the denomination.

The church was recently remodeled, with special attention to art forms and interior design.

The congregation has acquired property for development of a walk in-drive in chapel and recreation facilities.

Rev. Pierson has managed community boys' baseball teams, served on the Baseball Development Committee, Quad-Cities Bike trail Committee, and the Princeton Citizens' School Advisory Committee and recreational committee of the planning and zoning commission. He is also a volunteer fireman.

September 9, 1973

MR. AND MRS. LESTER E. LONG

Mr. Long was born in Missouri in 1909. He married Evelyn Reger there.

Mr. Long was a brick mason at Jasper-Perry, in Bettendorf.

Mr. and Mrs. Longs' children are; Mrs. Allen (Dixie) Maurer, Mrs. George (Leila) Walsh, Mrs. Jack (Kay) Allbee, Mrs. Michael (Sandra) Randolph, Mrs. Norman (Carol) Hartz, Mrs. Greg (Cherol) Hall, Gilbert, Phillip, Sam and a step-daughter Mrs. Dwight (Barbara) Jacobs. They also have 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

HIRL'S STATION SOLD AFTER A HALF CENTURY

A familiar landmark in Princeton changed hands on May 31 when LaVerne Hirl's Standard Station was purchased by Brian Carter. It was the first time the business changed hands since James and Amelia Hirl moved to Princeton in 1928 with five daughters and son LaVerne, who purchased the station.

Kerosene for lamps and stoves was a big item in the early days. In 1930 the Hirl's started an ice cream stand and the five girls helped run it. They recall that Saturday nights were big nights then, and the station stayed open late and Jim visited with the customers.

In 1943, the station burned while LaVerne was away in the military, but Jim rebuilt a bigger station which included a cafe- this was also a family business.

Vern rejoined his father at the business upon his discharge from duty, and after Jim passed away in April, 1953, Vern's mother helped manage the store.

On July 1, 1955, Vern took complete control of the station and has managed it ever since with the help of three daughters and two sons, and occasional help from other local persons.

Now, after a half century of business in Princeton, Vern will move to Buffalo, Iowa, where he'll operate the Buffalo Club, and Mary will continue to manage Lucianis at Rapid City, Ill.

The new business will be called Carter's Standard Service. Brian Carter, a 1976 North Scott grad, will manage it. He is also a 1977 graduate of the Scott Community College in Auto Mechanics, and has worked at V.J. Neu Oldsmobile, Davenport.

Carter plans to expand the cafe in addition to the automotive services - and a popular Princeton coffee-corner will continue.

(The North Scott Press late 1970's article)

JAMES MICHEAL HIRL

A native of Eldridge, Mr. Hirl was born January 28,1896, the son of James and Margaret Hirl, early residents of Scott County. He married Amelia Adair in LOng Grove, September 10,1919.

Mr. Hirl was active in civic and fraternal organizations of Princeton for many years, and also affliated with the Buffalo Bill American Legion post of LeClaire. He was a member of St.James Catholic church of Princeton, and was a veteran of World War I. He owned and operated the Hirl Standard Service Station for 22 years and also was the postmaster, in Princeton, for 12 years.

Sept. 13 '72

J. Wood's To Be Feted At Open House Saturday

PRINCETON -- Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. James L. (Roy) Wood, 611 3rd St., Princeton, are invited to attend an open house Saturday, September 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Princeton Civic Center. The occasion will commemorate the Golden Wedding anniversary of Elizabeth Zimmerman and Mr. Wood married September 16, 1922.

They have spent their married life in Princeton where Mr. Wood was a rural mail carrier until retiring in 1959.

There are two daughters, Mrs. John (Bernice) Kotacka, Bettendorf, and Mrs. Bob (Donna) Maher, Princeton; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Suggestions On Clothing For School Children

Q: What kinds of clothes do children need for school?

A: Pretty dresses for girls; handsome matched sets for boys

Reception To Honor N. S. Faculty, Officials

Porter's Observe 50th Anniversary

PRINCETON -- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Porter have returned from Denver, Colorado where they celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary with the families of their two daughters. They also talked with the family of their son Robert, who is stationed in Okinawa.

The special observance was a dinner followed by attendance at "Fiddler On The Roof" at Country Dinner Playhouse in Denver.

Mildred Dannatt and Mr. Porter were married Sept. 20, 1922 at the country home of her parents, Mrs. Mary Dannatt and the late Mr. Dannatt. The late Rev. A. E. Abben of the Princeton Presbyterian Church performed the ceremony.

The Porters have lived at their present farm home since marriage. Mr. Porter farmed until recent retirement.

Their children are Robert and two daughters, Mrs. John (Lois) Frevert and Mrs. Pat (Barbara) Collins, both of Denver. There are ten grandchildren.

Mrs. Porter's mother is 98 years old and a resident of Americana Nursing Center, Davenport.

Betsy Hirl Adds To Trophy Collection

PRINCETON -- Betsy Hirl, a North Scott High School student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Hirl, continues to win high ratings and add trophies to her large collection as she competes in baton work.

She recently won first in senior hoop; first in senior flag; first in 2-baton; second in solo and second in USTA at the Waterloo Dairy Congress.

She attended a Mexican Fiests contest in Sterling, Illinois and brought home three trophies and four medals. She competed at Iowa State Fair and won three trophies and five medals.

September 30 she attended a contest in Plano, Illinois.

Princeton Seeks Storm Sewer

North Scott Press 2-4-76

The City of Princeton has initiated action to install a storm sewer in the community, to prevent further damage to homes from spring and summer water run-off.

City officials and residents concurred at public hearings Jan. 26 and 28 that the storm sewer would be Princeton's "first priority" in applying for a community development grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Power-Willis and Associates, an Iowa City engineering firm, is currently conducting an evaluation study before grant application is made, according to Princeton clerk Gloria Allen.

Although no cost estmiate has been made, Dean Foote of the BiState Metropolitan Planning Commission said Power-Willis has indicated that $70,000 to $100,000 will be required for the first phase of the storm sewer porject.

Construction will probably involve culverts where feasible and curbs and gutters to stem flooding problems in Princeton, said Allen.

Princeton will be competing for a Scott County discretionary grant "in excess of $145,000", for which any municipality within the county, except Davenport, is eligible, Foote said.

The HUD funds may be divided between communities or allocated to a single community.

Princeton will be competing for funds with such communities as Eldridge (recreation grant for park acquisition), New Liberty (sanitary sewer), LeClaire (sanitary sewer, recreation project or both) or Bettendorf and McCausland with undetermined projects.

The Power-Willis study must be completed by March 15, to be submitted with a preapplication prepared by BiState for HUD. By August, HUD will indicate to applicants which projects seem most favorable. Funds will probably be available by the end of 1976, according to Foote.

A final application to HUD must include a community development plan with three and six-year goals.

Last week at the public hearings, which are required

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by HUD for "citizen participation", Princeton residents aired their concern

According to Allen, the present open ditches and culverts cannot handle run-off from melting snow and heavy rains during spring and summer. Residents complained that pesticides, herbicides and animal wastes washing down are a health hazard.

They said that the run-off floods yards and basements, carrying rock and other unsanitary debris, added Allen. She termed the situation an "nuisance" to residents.

The run-off affects over half of the Princeton residents, especially those living in the subdivisions on the community's west end, said Allen. The city currently has no storm sewer, only open ditches and culverts.

Residents also indicated the following priorities for long-range community development, said Allen -- a building to house a senior citizen center, fire station and library, a "town house" for the elderly, lights at the baseball diamond, and an additional water tower to accommodate new subdivisions.

Allen indicated that the Princeton council will probably earmark city funds for the proposed storm sewer during budget preparation this month.

Storm Sewers Get Top Priority

Princeton officials and residents have agreed that storm sewers are the "top priority" in applying for a community development grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), according to City Clerk Gloria Allen.

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An Iowa City engineering firm, Power-Willis & Associates, is preparing a plan and conducting a study of cost estimates to be presented next week to the Bi-State Metropolitan Planning Commission. Bi-State will then submit the pre-application to HUD for the discretionary grant of $145,000.

Princeton will be competing with all other Scott County towns, except Davenport, for the grant, Mrs. Allen said. The HUD funds will be divided among communities "depending on how many towns apply and what their project is," she said.

Dean Foote of Bi-State said communities seeking the funds are Eldridge for park acquisition; New Liberty for sanitary sewer; LeClaire for a recreation project or sanitary sewer, and Bettendorf and McCausland for as yet undetermined projects.

Foote said HUD could indicate by August which applications have the best chance of being funded. A final application to HUD must include a three- to six-year long-range plan, he said.

The city presently has only open ditches and culverts to accommodate the runoff. The project would include construction of culverts and curbs and gutters to alleviate flooding problems, Mrs. Allen said.

Although no cost estimate has been made, Foote estimated that $70,000 to $100,000 would be required for the project.

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ANOTHER REUNION FOR LITTLE PRINCETON SCHOOL

Princeton, Iowa - a dream to purchase the little one room Pleasant Hill schoolhouse which has been closed since 1957 may become a reality for past graduates who would like to restore the building. "We want to keep it solely for our annual reunion," said Gene Gast of Davenport, one of the chairmen for the second annual reunion for the school held last week.

The Gasts, along with Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Ehlers of Davenport, were chairman for the event which attracted 79 pupils and taechers this year - some from as far away as California.

"Reminiscing over school days were Lawrence Leamer of Yucapa, Calif.," said Gast, "and Mrs. Grace (Fletcher) Cameron of Waterford, Wis."

The youngest pupil at the reunion was Miss Patty Gast, daughter of the Milton Gasts of Eldridge.

Earnest Holst, Davenport,83, gave the group a brief history of the old district Eight schoolhouse. When his father, Jurgen Holst, came from Germany he attended the school. "That was in 1858," he said. The school was then on the Oran Beasly farm (now the Robert Auliff farm in Princeton Township). It was moved to its present location in the 1880's.

"Five generations of the Holst family have attended the school," he explained. "In early years, the school was only open during the winter months because youngsters had to work in the fields until crops were harvested."

"One winter the little schoolhouse had 32 pupils, ranging in age from 5 to 19, and all grades were taught by one taecher."

During the reunion, former students reminisced about days when youngsters would stick their tongues to the frosted pump handles (my how that hurt!) and how the older students would spit tobacco onto the pot-belly stove.

PLEASANT HILLS

Former students and taechers of Pleasant Hills School Township No.8, Princeton, and Shake Rag School, LeClaire, their families and friends held their annual picnic at the restored Pleasant Hills School on July 8 with 45 in attendance.

Hilda Bray was the oldest former student of Pleasant Hills, and youngest was Harlan Holst.

After lunch a program of music was presented by Mrs. Foster Auliff, Mrs. Alvin Auliff, and Cecil Fletcher.

The schoolhouse was filled with former students who sat at their desks. The afternoon was filled with laughter and reminiscing of school days long ago, also with writing names on the blackboards for a permanent record and of renewing old friendships. Richard Holst was thanked for serving as chairman for the past five years. Mrs. Levi Kitchen, Camanche, a former student at Pleasany Hills, will serve as chairman for the 1980 reunion.

Mrs. Lottie (McGinnis) Ernst, Bettendorf, spoke of her teaching experiences in the school in 1935, contracted to teach for $65. a month, including janitor work. Other teachers were Mrs. Mildred Heble Kelling, Mrs. Elva Scharf Smith, Mrs.Leola Hamilton Lundhelm, Mrs. Edith Graham Hamilton. Frank Norton & Richard Holst are next years reunion chairmen.

Telephone Insulators Are Hobby Of Princeton Man

By Kathy Brase

Telephones were Mr. Russell Enyeart's business for many years and now they have become his hobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Enyeart of Princeton started collecting telephone insulators and old telephones after Enyeart's retirement two years ago. He owned and ran the LeClaire and Princeton telephone exchanges.

"During the past three years when so much of the telephone wire and cable was being put under ground, we could see that the insulators were going out of style," Enyeart said as he explained how he started saving insulators.

The collection consists of a few hundred different types of insulators and several old telephones.

The purpose of the insulators was to separate the telephone wires from each other, the pole, and the ground.

Very old insulators were threadless and since the glass and process used to make insulators were of poor quality air bubbles and wrinkles also appear in the older ones.

"Color is one of the things that make them interesting," commented Mrs. Enyeart.

Blue-green and clear are the most common colors but the Enyeart's collection also includes purple, amber, red, green, brown, porcelain, and milk glass.

Even though the insulators were made in the same die a change in the consistency of the glass mixture could change the color. Most of the insulators are made with clear glass but constant exposure to the sun also changes the color.

Glass, plastic, and rubber were used to make the insulators which come in many different shapes and sizes. Procelain is used chiefly now.

The Enyearts have obtained insulators from many places such as Jamaica, Oklahoma, Kansas, Canada and Colorado during their travels. Their collection also includes an insulator from the first long distance circuit put across the country by American Telephone and Telegraph.

The multi-colored insulators are kept on display and can also be used to make things like paper weights, hanging baskets and candle holders.

Their collection of telephones includes a telephone and telephone book from Korea. The book is written entirely in the Korean language. They also have a wall mounted crank telephone from Switzerland and a movable table crank model from Denmark.

The Enyearts also have a calculagraph, which was used to time toll calls and an operator head set from 1948.

A luxury tax used to be charged on telephones for they were considered a luxury and not a neccesity as they are today. But whether in business or pleasure, telephones have become part of life for the Enyearts.

RUSSELL ENYEART OF PRINCETON displays the collection of telephone insulators he has collected in recent years. Enyeart has collected a wide variety of old telephones and telephone insulators, which are now becoming obsolete.

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Sisters Wed 60 Years

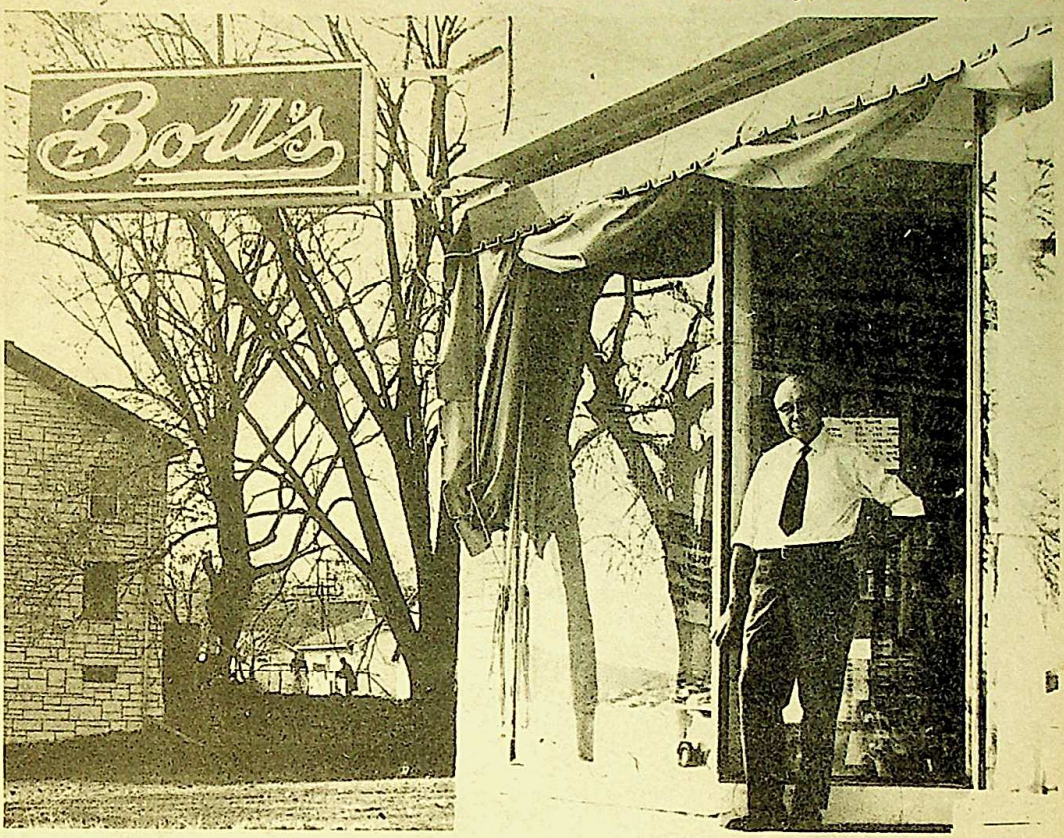
PRINCETON -- Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Birney (right) were married 60 years on Dec. 18, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Auliff (left) will be married 60 years in February. Mrs. (Lillie) Birney and Mrs. (Iva) Auliff are sisters.

There was no special observance of the anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Auliff, who are residents of the Davenport Lutheran Nursing Home, were given a surprise in honor of their 82nd birthdays which are on the same day. Cake and ice cream were served.

They are parents of Alvin, LeClaire and Mrs. Jim (Vera) Lively, DeWitt. There are four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The Birney family includes four daughters, Mrs. Louie (Zella) Erling, Mrs. Howard (Millie) Lively, Mrs. Melvin (Edna) Dodds, and Mrs. Russell (Vi) Spinsby all of this area. There are ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



Heinie Boll Nears 50 Years As Grocer

by Bessie Sierk

Fifty years of storekeeping have passed for H. W. (Heinie) Boll, manager of Boll's General Store in Princeton. Boll, who started in Princeton after beginning "grocery" work at the Grover Meyer store in Maysville is one of the few of his trade still around.

Boll's first operation in Princeton began in the old brick building just north of the present two story brick building at 428 River Drive, where the present store is located.

Boll bought the business from a man named George Stitzel, and employed Ben Roach for two years. Seven years later the Community Hall was remodeled and Heinie rented the two rooms on the first floor for a store. Later he bought the building and remodeled it into one large room, well stocked and meticulously kept.

In contrast to today's prices, Heinie can remember selling eggs for a dime a dozen and 10 pounds of beans for a quarter. He recalls the time he won a chest of silver for selling the most DeLaval cream separators -- and he didn't realize it was a contest until he was rewarded.

Heinie met his wife, the former Selma Stadtmueller of Monticello, who was a Princeton school teacher. They have been married for 48 years.

Although Mr. Boll hasn't managed the store for eight years since his son Merlin became proprietor, his "presence is felt" and he takes a daily active part.

Heinie will be honored at a get together Wednesday, Dec. 13 at the Zion Lutheran Church, and the public is invited. In addition to a son, the Bolls have a daughter, Mrs. Leone Kosman and two grandsons of Ottumwa.

Sales Tax Preferred In Survey By Oakley

Brice Oakley, Clinton, State Representative-Elect from the 78th District, announced the results of an opinion poll of constituents conducted during the recent campaign.

"In response to the question of which tax should be raised if it becomes necessary to pay for state or local schools or other services, 72.9 per cent preferred the sales tax, 18.9 per cent the income tax, and 8 per cent the property tax," Oakley said. "I think the sales tax is the most easily understood and trusted tax, which probably explains the preference."

"Sunday sale of liquor seems to be growing in popularity in eastern Iowa as 65.5 per cent preferred such sales under some hours restriction. I am inclined to favor it myself with hours being limited and perhaps requiring the licensed establishment to be closed one day a week." Oakley

"I found very little sentiment for a state lottery but great interest in legalizing bingo. Visiting with other legislators leads me to believe some form of bingo will be allowed", Oakley concluded.

The poll showed 64 per cent of those responding lived in Clinton, 10 per cent in Camanche, 2.5 per cent in rural Clinton County, 5 per cent in Scott County towns, and 12.8 per cent in rural Scott County. Oakley indicated this is approximately the proportion of voters living in those areas which make up the 78th District and thus the poll should be a fair sampling of voter sentiment.

"People seem to be well satisfied with the penalties for drug possession with only 5.4 per cent favoring legalization of marijuana," Oakley observed. "The chief complaint was the fact the repeated offender

Long Grove

50th Anniversary Celebrated

PRINCETON -- Many friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. George Little helped them celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday in Princeton Civic Center.

The families of their three sons, Glen, Wayne and Larry, were all in attendance except a granddaughter, Mrs. Dean Siem, Anchorage, Alaska. A granddaughter, Mrs. John (Rita) Farro, Arlington, Virginia came the greatest distance.

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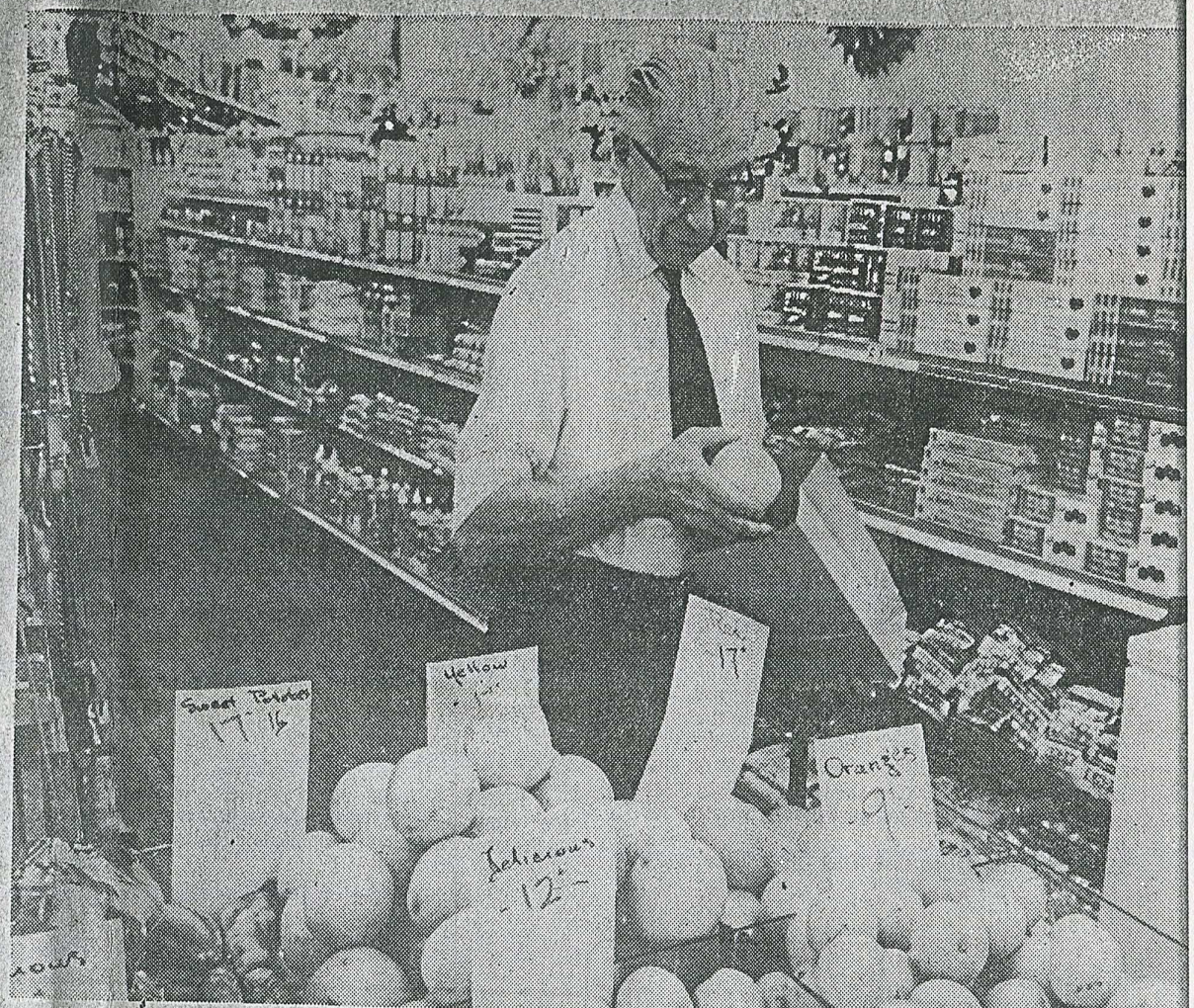

It's all work and no pay now for Henry (Heinie) Boll, but that's the way he wants it. He "retired" eight years ago from the Princeton, Iowa general store he founded 50 years ago, but just can't stay away. (Staff Photo)

THANK YOU, HEINIE...

A river town will offer th

A river town will offer thanks to the general store owner who has fed and served them for half-a-century.

Our Neighbors

By Jim Arpy

Henry W. (Heinie) Boll works 12 hours a day in a Princeton, Iowa grocery store and doesn't make a dime.

It's strictly a labor of love now for 73-year-old Boll, who opened his general store 50 years ago and turned over the management to his son, Merlin, when he "retired" eight years ago.

"I COULDN'T stand to sit around the house. Besides all the customers are my friends and stop to talk," says Boll, who is in the well-stocked store daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

To mark the 50th year of Boll's General Merchandise store, Zion Lutheran Church of Princeton will express members' appreciation for its contribution to the community with an open house for the owners on Dec. 13.

"We're having a 'Heinie Boll Night' to honor the man who has meant so much to this community," said the Rev. Alan Henderson, pastor of Zion Lutheran. His store is our oldest business, and in his lifetime I figure he must have fed at least half the county."

The tribute to Boll will be at 7:30 p.m., and friends are invited.

Boll, a big man whose face creases in frequent smiles, got an early start in his chosen profession. He was just 14 when he began working in a Plainview, Iowa grocery store.

"THAT MEANT getting up at 5 a.m. and currying the horses. Then I'd eat breakfast, and two or three times a week drive to Dixon five miles away to meet the train. We'd trade other items for things like butter, eggs and chicken and send them on into Davenport," he recalls.

Still in his teens, Boll attended Brown's Business College in Davenport, taking a course in bookkeeping and shorthand.

"My first job was taking down the proceedings of the Woodman's World Convention in Davenport in 1917. I typed it up and got $25 for it," he says.

He worked for the People's Light & Power Co. in Davenport for a while, then, wishing to try his wings, went to New Orleans and worked for a year-and-a-half as a stenographer and bookkeeper for the Shell Oil Co.

The illness of his father called him back to Dixon, and when his father died Boll stayed on, working in Grover Meyer's grocery store in Maysville.

There was still a touch of wanderlust which took him again to New Orleans, and then on to California, but in four months Boll was back in his home territory.

"MY DAD WAS a farmer, but I kind of liked the grocery business," he explains. He was 23 years old in 1922 when a friend offered to let him rent and operate a store in Princeton. The store at that time was located next door in a large community building which Boll now owns.

During the depression of the thirties, which had no serious effect on business, Boll tore out the wall of an adjoining building and doubled the size of his store building.

He carried the items common to general stores of the period, horse collars, curry combs, poultry feed, and articles like coffee, sugar, dried prunes, and cookies in bulk.

Today, in addition to groceries, the store offers such diverse merchandise as shoes, magazines, sundries, yarn, greeting cards, belts, socks, mattress ticking, caps, ribbons, pots and pans, overalls, and hardware items. For the past 20 years it has been the only grocery store in Princeton.

"When my son, Merlin, got out of the Army, I was ready to retire and turn the store over to him. I went on Social Security, so I won't take any pay even though he often wants to give it to me. I tell him if I need any money I'll let him know," Boll chuckles. "I just enjoy being here."

"I remember when farmers used to bring in country butter to sell. That's one thing I'm glad we don't have to fool with. And every farmer used to have eggs. Now I only know of about three who still have eggs.

"WE RAN CREDIT during the depression and still do. Some people were out of work and just couldn't pay their bills. I told them we'd just let the old bill stand until they could pay it and put their new purchases on another bill and they could pay it off as best they could. Almost all of them took care of everything when they got on their feet again," Boll recalls.

Some of his original customers of a half century ago still trade with him regularly, as do their children and grandchildren. He estimates he supplies the grocery needs of about one-third of the community.

"I didn't carry any meat when I first started, but finally I had to because there just weren't any butcher shops left," Boll says.

He pulls some faded 40-year-old sale cards out of a drawer. Pork chops were selling for 10 cents a pound and steak was two pounds for a quarter. Hogs were then selling for 2½-cents a pound.

"LOOK," HE says, "at that time salmon was 22 cents a can. It's about $1.39 now. A pound can of coffee was 24 cents, compared to 99 cents now. Peas were three cans for 25 cents. Today they'd be about 60 cents. And you could buy a 49-pound bag of flour for $2.19. Today's price is about $4.50."

Boll says one reason his store has survived in an era when privately-owned stores have failed by the hundreds is that his prices are competitive with the supermarkets.

"We're even cheaper on some items," he notes.

The store continued business as usual even during the Great Flood of 1965 when the Mississippi, which flows by a stone's throw away, crept right up to the sidewalk in front of the building.

"Customers just parked up on the highway and came in the back door. It didn't bother us much," Boll says.

HIS WIFE, the former Selma Stadtmueller of Monticello, Iowa, whom he married 48 years ago, helps out in the store for a few hours on Saturdays and Boll insists she be paid.

"When my kids worked in the store I always told them to keep track of their hours and they got paid for it," he adds. In addition to his son, Boll has a daughter, Mrs. Leone Kosman, Ottumwa, Iowa.

One facet of the store's operation is unchanged. Free deliveries are still made. Boll recalls that he made his first deliveries in a Model T Ford with side curtains.

"In the old days, we had to make up most of the orders. A man would come in with a list his wife had made out for him and hand it to us. Then he'd go out for a beer or a haircut and when he got back his order would be all ready for him," Boll remembers.

"We used to get vinegar, linseed oil and turpentine in 50-gallon barrels. Everything was bulk almost, almost no canned goods."

The store still sells poultry and rabbit feeds, though these are no longer the big item they used to be.

"We used to carry things like Tanglefoot fly paper, the kind you would pull out all sticky and the cat would step into. When fly sprays came out it killed flypaper overnight," Boll says.

"IT'S BEEN a pleasure to be in business here," he says, waving a big arm toward the front windows, through which the river can be seen sparkling in the morning sunlight.

"We've got the best damned view you could want, and the customers have always been real nice people."

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problems in bringing the adventure-filled frontier novel to the screen.

The wide variety of American dialects that was so suc-

THE DIRECTOR said both the roles of Jim and The Duke would be spoken by other actors in the final production

HELPING HAND GIVEN TO HAROLD SAWYER FAMILY -- Friends and neighbors of the Harold Sawyer family gathered together last week to harvest the corn crop. Mr. Sawyer passed away on November 15. Those helping were: front row, (left to right), Foster Auliff, Lester Auliff, Jay Paaske, Alvin Staack, Don Irving, Jimmy Graham, Charlie Boeding, Leroy Soenksen, Michael Doyle and Alan Musal. Back row: Mike Aufliff, Harold Wilson, R. J. Holst, Jim Hamilton, Steve Hamilton, Dale Claussen, Warren Hamilton, Ed Spies, Leslie Sawyer, Robert Holst, Chuck Pfitzenmaier, Dick Doyle, Merrill Meese, Cecil Hamilton, Russell Sawyer, LaVerne Sawyer and Norman Sawyer.

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RIVER GIVES UP A MONSTER

BY Fred Lorenzen

Over the years, the Mississippi River has yielded many treasures for fishermen. Some will scoff at what Ol' Miss has to offer in the way of fisheries resources, but despite the abuse we haved heaped on this great river, it still produces bountiful catches and some very large fish.

This week was no exception, and when Irvin Faur, veteran commercial fisherman from Princeton, motored out onto Ol'Miss in the wee hours Tuesday to check his nets, he really had no idea what was going to happen that day.

But happen it did, when he started to lift one of his hoop nets and found it, literally filled, with the largest fish he's ever taken in more than 30 years of commercial fishing.

Faur's catch was truly a monster, a fossil fish mind you, that is found only in three river systems throughout the world, namely the Mississippi and Missouri in the United States and the Yangtze in China.

The hoop net had captured a paddlefish (Polyodeon Spathula), often called the spoonbill cat, but it is not a member of the catfish family. The fish tipped the scales at 68 pounds and was 60 inches long with a girth of 34 1/2 inches. Aside from two or three lake sturgeon, it was the largest freshwater fish we've ever seen. For quite a while, Faur really didn't know what to do or say. He just sat in the weathered aluminum boat lokking at that fish and thinking, "That's the biggest fish I've ever caught, now what do I do with it?" Like any good fisherman he kept it, and when he brought it back to the fish market, the celebration began.

It's not surprising that during his many years as a commercial fisherman, Irvin Faur has caught some really big fish, for the Mississippi River holds some huge denizens of the finny tribe.

For example, Faur has taken a flathead catfish of 51 pounds, a channel catfish of 32, a lake (or black) sturgeon that tipped the scales at 62, a bigmouth buffalo that also was 62" and a 49 pound carp.

Now he has a 68 pound paddlefish as the latest record, and when we asked how large the next catch was going to be, he just grinned a little and said, "Well, you never know. There's some out there that go over 100 pounds, and maybe someday, I'll find one of those in my nets." We hope you do, Irvin.

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Princeton: Quiet like the River by Julie Jensen

The first plat of Princeton was recorded in 1853 by Robert Bell, George H. Bell and John Culbertson, proprietors of the new town.

Princeton was actually created by the melding of two hamlets, Pinnacle Point on the spur of a bluff that jutted into the Mississippi, and Elizabeth City, a quarter mile up river.

The first settlers in the area were Giles Pinneo and H.P. Haswell, who claimed their land in 1835 and moved there in the spring of 1836. Haswell lived on the village site in a cabin of neatly hewn logs.

In the next four years, nearly 30 settlers joined the original two. The first was Thomas Hubbard Sr., who lived across the river and moved to the west side in 1836.

At first, supplies came from Fort Armstrong, then from Davenport, where a member of the Pinneo Family took a load of beans to trade for supplies and clothing. Stricken with a fit of ague on the way, Pinneo was too ill to trade advantageously. He sold his beans for 35¢ a bushel and bought calico for an inflated price of 35¢ a yard.

The first frame house in Princeton was built in 1837 by Daniel Hire.

In 1838, Benjamin Pike came from Rockingham and set up a store. The next store was the establishment called Lawyer Hammond and Company, and in 1848, W.F.Breckenridge opened a store in the Pinnacle Point area.

During the early days of steamboating and rafting, two saloons on the corner of Front and Clay streets kept the atmosphere rowdy, and the ditch on the west side of Clay Street was called Whiskey Run. The area was not safe for women, and even the men who had business on Front Street armed themselves. Fights were not unusual, but no fatalities were reported.

Benjamin Doolittle established a ferry across the Wapsie in 1838, the same year Jacob Rose built his distillery.

The first settlers had no children, and there was little need for a school until 1846-47, when Hannah Peaslee taught in H.H.Pinneo's log house. Building a school was discussed, but an 1850 dispute about a location delayed the matter until 1852. The first teacher in the new school was Mathias Pinneo. In 1856,it was discoved that the title to the school land was no good. and an identical school was built elsewhere. This building was used until 1864, when classes were moved to the two floors of a hall on Front Street. One of Princeton's oldest landmarks is the Riverview Hotel,now the Kane Apartments. This stagecoach stop and haven for river travelers had aa adjoining livery stable, and ferry service was available to Cordova across the river. Another early hotel was the Revere House located south of the present post office.

Robert Pope opened a store in 1853 , and the shelves and interior carpenter work was done by Edward Russell,later Davenport postmaster and editor of the Davenport Gazette.

Princeton was incorporated in 1857 and was one of the last cities and towns in Iowa to be incorporated individually. Samuel Porter was the

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first mayer. When Porter resigned after a few months, William Shaw was elected to the office. At this time, the population was 250.

Businesses of 1857 included the Walter and Armstrong Store, two public houses, one blacksmith shop, a sawmill, one church and 46 houses.

The Methodist Episcopalians built a brick church near Long Grove in 1856, selling it to the Lutherans in 1858, when they built a church in Princeton. The Princeton church was replaced in 1888.

The Presbyterians first attended services in LeClaire, organizing a Princeton congregation in 1854. A prominent Presbyterian minister was the Rev. James Bovard McBride, who took charge in 1863. McBride was related to Edgar Allen Poe, one of his grandfathers was a Revolutionary War captain, and the other was a British Navy admiral. McBride's son, Thomas Huston McBride, became president of the Iowa State University.

August Richter, the German historian, writes,"In expectation of a lucrative practice in a growing town and a district of well-to-do farmers, many doctors put out their shingles in Princeton, but few remained longer than a year or two." Between 1853 and 1878, 15 physicians located in Princeton,"among them several good ones."

One of the earliest and best was Dr. Samuel Knox, who came to Princeton in 1856 and practiced there until his death in 1887. His son, Dr.John Knox, followed him into practice. One, Dr. Gast, was considered to be a cancer specialist, and it was reported, "None have returned after his treatment, The doctor cures without the use of the knife."

Dr. Thomas Gault was mayor of Princeton in 1859. About this time F.G. Welch built a three story drygoods store"but did not live to enjoy it." And A.Kierney started a tin shop. Businsses of 1859 included seven stores, a druggist, four shoemakers, 15 carpenters, six blacksmiths, two tailors, a livery stable, two steam sawmills, two steam grist mills, one steam planing mill, two carriage shops, two hotels, and one lawyer.The town had two churches, two public schools and two private schools.

Princeton was at the height of its glory in 1860. The railroad was expected, water power was unlimited, and the town aspired to greatness

The town had a number of fires, the first major one was in February 1862, when the business houses of Pope & Chamberlainn, H.Blake and Christian Schmalz burned, and when the store where the post office was kept caught fire, the mail was the first thing saved. A bucket brigade prevented the fires from spreading to adjoining buildings.

By 1867, the population was 1,000. The town had two hotels, the Leslie House kept by James Leslie, and F.G.Eisleben's Davenport House. Drygoods and grocery stores were operated by the Gordon brothers, Sam Scott, Asa Hooper, James W.Suiter, H.H.Hurlburt, C.C.Lorraine and David Miller.

Harness makers of 1867 were W.G.Martine and G.B.Moyer and the shoemakers were B.Metzger and Hardt & Co., w.D. and J.W.Davis and Asa Hooper operated tin shops, and the blacksmiths were Hy Couser, Jim Reed, M.Moore and Sam Williams. H.G.King was the wagon maker. Charles Rich made agricultural implements, J.Fanning ran the livery stable, B.Bigelow was a painter, and the tailors were Christ Schmalz and Jacob Eurich.

In 1867, Dr.Samuel Knox and a Dr, Blackburn wrote prescriptions to be filled at the drugstores of J.W.Parcell and W.F.Culburtson. I.J.Pinneo ran the grist mill, Isaac Hess and L.S.Chamberlin were the steam saw mill operators, and J.W.Walker and A.Patterson owned the planing mill. Proprietors of the grain warehouses were Samuel Scott, Robert Pope and H.H.Hurlburt.

Princeton declined in the post-Civil War period because of civic indifference, according to Richter. In 1878, an election was held to decidee whether the old charter and city organization should be abandoned. A municipal election had not been held for eight years, and the streets "had been left to take care of themselves." The people in Princeton voted for a change, temporarily electing W.H. Thompson mayor. In the next regular election, D.H.Culbertson was elected mayor.

In spite of this attempt at reform, the population had decreased by three-fourths in 1882. Even so, the town had spirit. On the 4th of July 1888, a large procession started for Pinneo's Grove led by the LeClaire Silver Cornet Band. The steamer Brother Jonathan brought a large delegation from Camanche, and the Wes Rambo brought people from LeClaire.

A four-horse wagon carried 85 singing school children dressed in red, white and blue, and the Methodist ladies provided a dinner "at moderate cost". Then the rains came. The crowd of 1,500 stood patiently in the downpour for two hours before they gave up and tried to go home. High water stranded many of them in Princeton, where hospitable townspeople took them in.

Princeton has had several newspapers, but they did not last long. L.R.Walker founded the Princeton Reporter in 1900, and Frank Hamann started to publish the Princeton Herald in 1905.

The Princeton Savings Bank was organized in 1904 and closed in 1908, the year the Princeton Farmers Savings Bank was established.

Paul B. Dennis, a Princeton native who has written a book of reminiscences about his hometown, "From Out of the Past," is the son of Job Dennis, an early merchant and man of influence in Princeton. Paul Dennis had an Indian mound in his yard, which was opened and studied by the Putnam Museum in 1940. The burial chamber of arched stone contained nine skeletons and many artifacts of the Hopewell culture. Ringed with perennial flowers, the mound must be one of the lovliest in the nation.

Another excavation at fifth and Fillmore Streets produced a skeletal fossil that Chicago and St.Louis experts believe to be the bones of a prehistoric zebra about 45,000 years old.

Dennis said the old stone house at Rock Cut just north of town Princeton was the home of Aaron Lancaster, a skilled gunsmith who also invented an improved windmill and was robbed of the profits of his design.

Job Dennis' first store was in what is now the Allsbrow Marina Shop. (Lee Nelsons') The building later became a resturant, pool room and barber shop. Dennis also owned and operated Princeton's only steamboat, a small sidewheeler called the Outing used for freight hauling and clamming.

Benjamin Metzger, a German shoemaker, led the Princeton Cornet Band organized soon after the Cival War, according to Paul Dennis. Metzger also taught string and brass instruments.

Job Dennis and two friends, Mack Hire and Ed Martin, were lonely Democrates in a sea of Princeton Republicans, and they consoled each other at the M.L.Hire Clothing Store, called Princeton's Tammany Hall. Not until the election of Woodrow Wilson in 1913 did the Tammany Trio take heart.

Walter Anderosn is in his fifth year as mayor of Princeton, and Gloria Allenhas held the position of city clerk for six years. The population of Princeton is 630, and Mrs. Allen says,"We have grown since the 1970 census."

A squad car patrols Princeton evenings and weekends, and the police department consists of two part-time officers and a radio dispatcher. A volunteer fire department of about 30 members is equipped with a large fire truck and pumper, a brush buggy and a rescue van.

Princeton's churches are Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Our Lady of the River Catholic Church shared with LeClaire.

Active organizations include the Men's Civic Club, the Volunteer Firemen, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, and six baseball teams (three for girls and three for boys).

Princeton has no annual celebration, but the town did throw a birthday party for the nation this bicentennial July.

The town has three parks: a river front picnic and boat trailer area; the Old School Park with a ball diamond, playground equipment, tennis and baseball facilities; Water Tower Park with playground equipment, a lighted ball field, a concession building, a shelter and picnic grills.

What is the pride of Princeton? Mrs. Allen says, "We really have good water here, and of course we have a beautiful view of the river."

Al Pries, a retired employe of Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company, drops in to at City Hall and adds, "It's a good place to fish." Pries notes that in 1919, there were only 14 houses between Princeton and LeClaire. Now, the residences stretch in a continuous line, and he says, "People like to get away from the city."

Mrs. Allen says,"I have lived here since I was five, and it's a nice, quiet little town. People are building, though. We have three or four sub-divisions under development."

What are the problems? The most severe is the water run-off in a rainstorm. Mrs. Allen says, "The water starts at the top of the hill and gushes down to flood basements. The storm sewers won;t handle it. We applied for a grant to solve this problem and didn't get it."

The town could use a new fire station because the present facility is crowded, and property has been bought for that purpose.

Princeton is a quiet, easy-going town, like Old Man River, just keeps rolling along. It's setting delighted the human eye long before Giles Pinneo and H.P. Haswell first saw it and snatched it up. If they give the matter any thought, the people of Princeton probably are glad thatthe metropolitanhopes of 1860 were not realized, leaving their river view unmarred.

- Julie Jenson 1976

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Telephone Construction Continues

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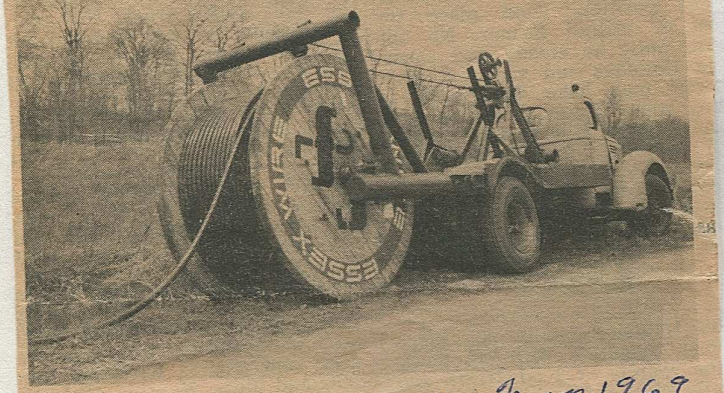

CABLE SPLICER May 1969

1900 Telephone Wires Are Connected Here

More than sixty reels of cable have been delivered to United Telephone's Princeton and LeClaire offices.

The cable, of various sizes ranging from as little as one to as many as 900 pairs of wires, will be used in United's $700,000 Princeton-LeClaire construction program for 1969. The construction program is expected to bring Davenport-Bettendorf extended area service to United's Princeton and LeClaire customers late this year. With extended area service, United's Princeton and LeClaire customers will be able to telephone Davenport-Bettendorf without being charged for a long distance call.

"Some of the cable reels weigh nearly 4 tons," Russell Enyeart, local manager for United, said. Special equipment was needed to unload the reels, which were delivered by semi-trailer trucks.

"Work on the new cable system, much of which will be buried, has already begun," Enyeart said. In all, nearly 300,000 feet of cable will be used to connect Princeton and LeClaire telephones to a new switching center located between the two communities, and to Davenport-Bettendorf circuits.

Telephone Numbers Will Be Changed

A complete change of Princeton and LeClaire telephone numbers will be necessary late this year, when the new telephone facilities are placed in service. "The number change will be coordinated with the issue of a new telephone directory," Enyeart said.

W.W. II Mothers Meet

Mothers of World War II
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W W II Moms Meet

World War II Mothers, Inc. held their regular meeting at the Princeton Civic Center on Tuesday, Aug. 10, with President Lena Woomert presiding.

All reports were approved and it was voted to send a cash donation to the McCausland Community Center Fund also to the Iowa Soldiers Home.

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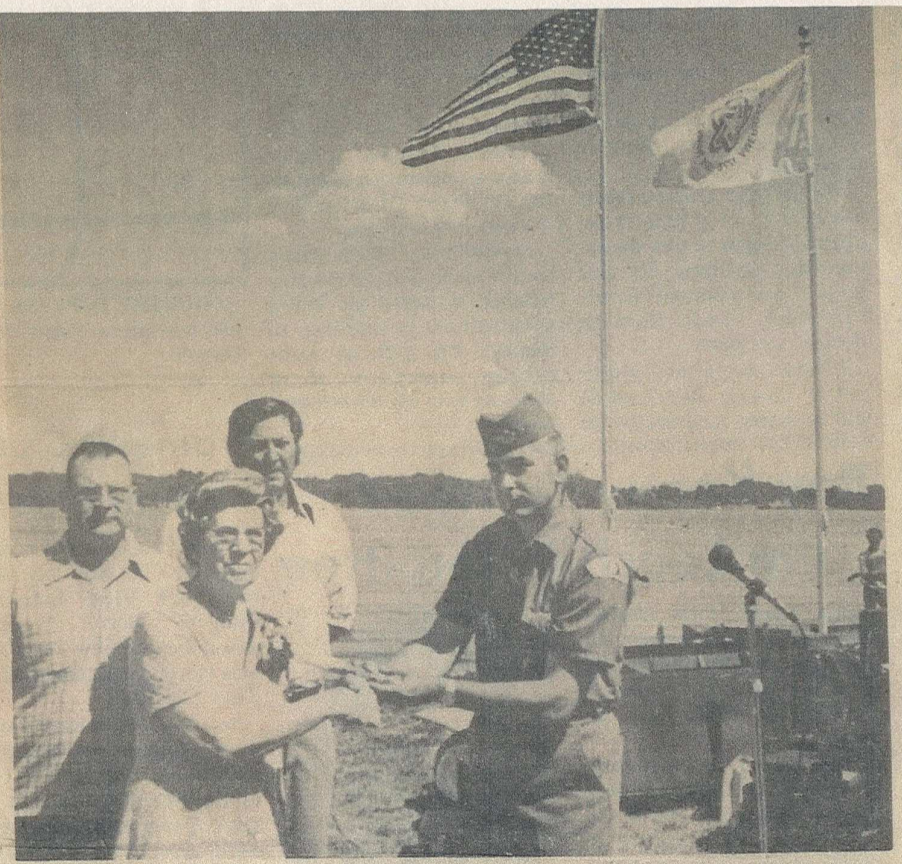

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Antique Auction Makes Big Day In Princeton

One of the largest antique auctions ever to hit the Scott County area attracted more than a thousand spectators and bidders to Princeton last Saturday. The sale, held to settle the estate of the late Dayton Arke, dispersed a collection of antique furniture dating back 50 years when the Arke's moved to Princeton.

The crowd was large and the bidding was brisk as more than 500 registered bidders dickered over hundreds of items throughout the day. This was the biggest thing to hit Princeton in many years, as a double line of cars was parked up to five blocks away in all directions. Antique dealers and collectors drove large distances to attend.

The late Mr. Arke was a carpenter by trade and also farmed on the outskirts of Princeton. The family home is located atop a long hill five blocks from and overlooking the Mississippi River.

Mr. Arke's mother was a sister to the mother of Mrs. John Litscher of Princeton. Mrs. Litscher said of her cousins: "The family never threw away a toothpick."

In addition to the many, many household items to be sold, was a modest list of farm machinery. Two extra auctioneers were called to help as bidding carried throughout the afternoon until 6 p.m. The 103 acre farm will be sold later.

Some of the items which kept six different clerks busy were old picture frames -- $22 to $24; matched picture frames at $27.50 each; an old doll - $40; marble top secretary - $265; bowl and pitcher set - $37.50; blue water pitcher and six glasses - $72; platform chairs - $40 each.

All in all, it was a big day in Princeton.

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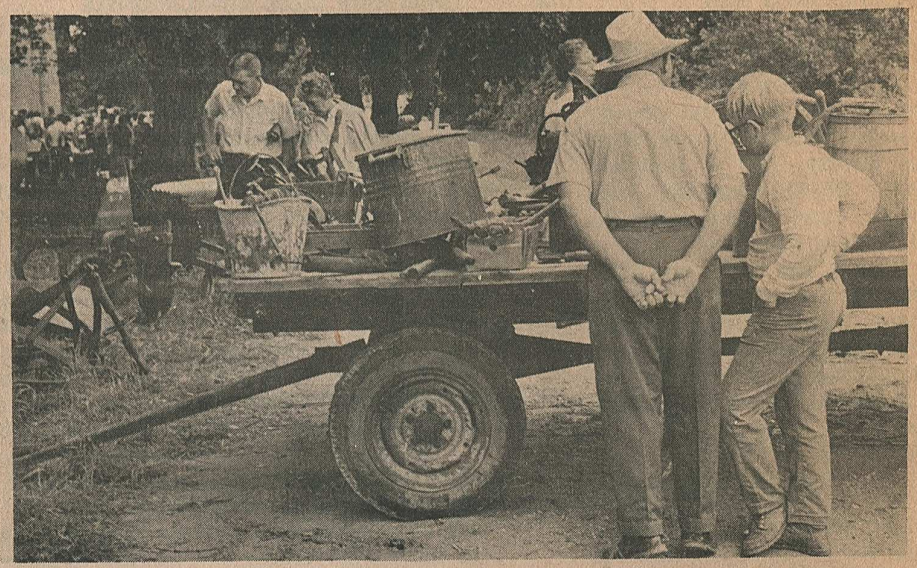


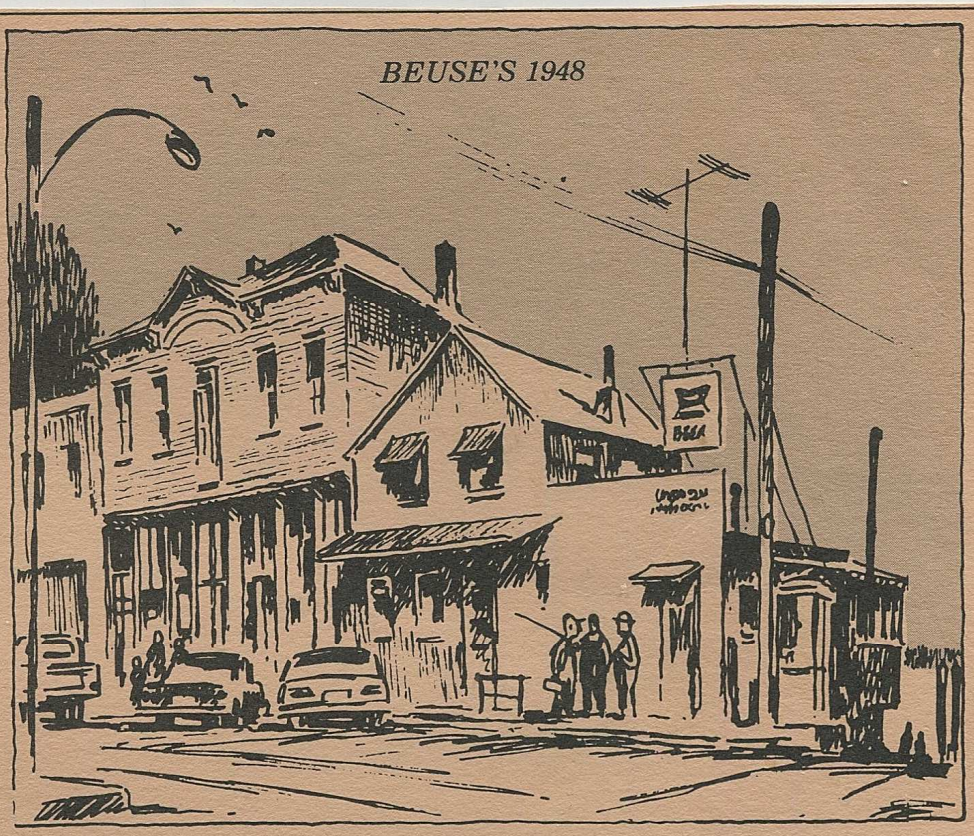
OVER THIRTY YEARS OF TRADITION

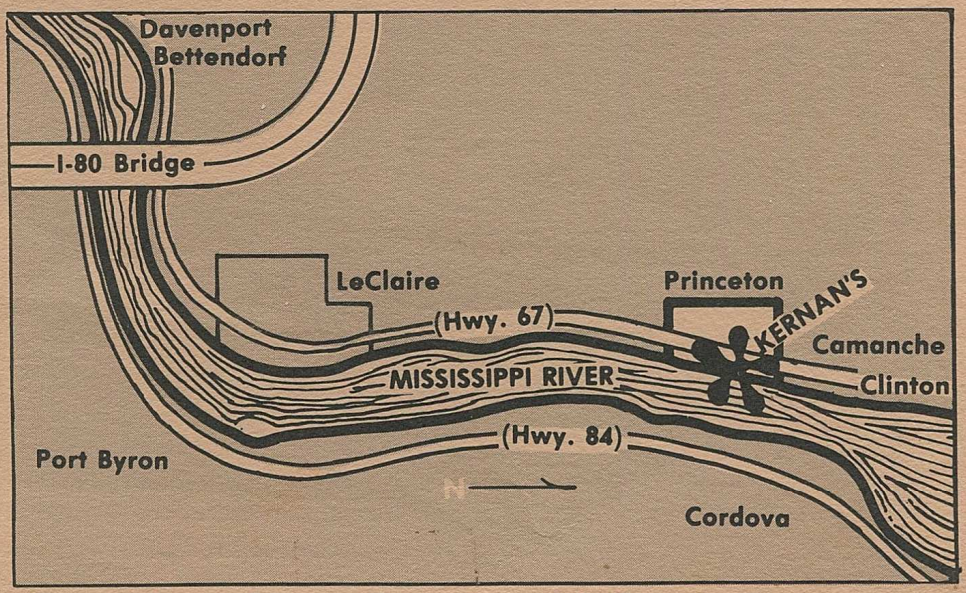
For over thirty years Princeton, Iowa and fine food have gone hand in hand. In 1948 George and Anna Beuse opened Beuse's Fine Food and soon became very popular among Princeton natives and people up and down the river. Beuse's was the spot for good catfish.

In 1962 Paul and Dorothy Kernan purchased Beuse's and changed the name to Kernan's Supper Club, and carried on the tradition of fine food and great catfish.

In 1973 Mike and Sue Kernan, Paul and Dorothy's son and daughter-in-law purchased Kernan's, only to loose it to a fire in January, 1974. With the help of Terry Kernan, his brother, and many other people, he opened the new Kernan's Riverview Restaurant in October, 1974. The great catfish tradition lives on.

Kernan's is a family restaurant run by the family. Among the family members active in the business are: Mike and Sue Kernan, Terry Kernan, Colleen Kernan Courtney, Margaret Kernan Lassiter, Patty Kernan Morgan and Paul and Dorothy Kernan.





Kernan's is one of the very few restaurants in the area where you can pull up and park your car or your boat and enjoy a fine dinner. The lower level or Kernan's Bottom offers short order meals for boaters and also carry out beer, ice and pop. It is also a popular bar among the natives of Princeton.

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A GREAT VIEW FROM EVERY TABLE: KERNAN'S RESTAURANT

The spectacular view of the Mississippi River from the dining room of Kernan's Restaurant in Princeton, Iowa isn't in the menu, but the family of Kernan's is selling it right along with their popular seafood and steaks.

When they rebuilt the restaurant about two years ago (after a fire at the original building), they decided on a long narrow structure to take full advantage of the river view which is framed bt a towing cottonwood tree. (In fact there is a river view from every table in the house).

They sometimes serve as many as 2,500 dinners a week - not bad for a restaurant in a town of just 800 people. The restaurant seats 120 people in the upstairs dining room, and another 100 in the downstairs bar.

Kernan's is truly a family affair. The Mike Kernans are actually the owners (Mike purchased the restaurant from his father Paul, in 1973, and Paul is now office manager for his son). Mike's other duties including managing the El Rancho Villa Restaurant in Bettendorf for his father-in-law Erv French.

Mike's brother Terry is manager of the Princeton restaurant and is in charge of the kitchen as chief chef. His sister, Colleen Courtney, is assistant manager, and Terry's wife Debbie is a hostess.

Other family members involved in the operation are Paul's wife, Dorothy, who is in charge of maintenance. crew; Mike's sister Patty Kernan, who is a bartender and waitress; his sister Margaret Lassiter, a bartender; a stepson Charles Seitz,14, who works in the kitchen; a sister Marrianne Weis, who painted all the signs; Marrianne;s husband Gene, who did the tile work; a sister Kathy and her husband Jerry, who did the wallpapering; and a sister Eileen Stricher, a waitress who has taken time out to have a baby.

"We're an Irish clan that sticks together," laughed Mike, who says the restaurant has a big celebration on St.Patrick's Day - green beer, corned beef and cabbage and a barbershop quaretet singing Irish songs.

And on Christmas Day they serve free Tom & Jerrys to the townspeople, then stay around to have their large family gathering right at the restaurant.

The restaurant, originally known as Beuse's, is about 20 miles from Downtown Davenport. Paul Kernan had the restaurant for about 13 years. Mike had worked at the restaurant's docks for the late George Beuse as a youngster and was always fascinated by the business. He bought the century-old building (which had been a funeral home and a meeting place, as well as a restaurant) from his father; a few months later it burned.

"We could have rebuilt the old place, but we decided to build a brand new restaurant on the riverfront nearby," he said. "This one is build to withstand floods and fire; the walls are 10 inch thick concrete and are tied every 10 inches with half-inch steel. We couldn't get much closer to the water without being right in it, so we built the building to take the stress of rising waters."

They've used rough-sawn paneling for the walls and a nautical decorations, but "the view is the best part of our decoration," echoed the Kernan clan. "We don't even need drapes."

Framed boat and wildlife paintings by Davenport artists Paul Norton and Patrick Costello decorate the walls.

The Kernan restaurant traditionally doubles its business in the

summer when the boaters pull up to the docks and come inside for dinner or take-outs.

"We've kept the basement for the neighborhood crowd," said Mike. "We've moved the old bar in before we started building the upper portion of the restaurant. Prices are a bit cheaper downstairs, and the only food that's available is chicken, tenderloin, shrimp or hamburger baskets. Tacos are a Tuesday specialty."

Customers dressed in swimsuits can go below for their carry-outs, and Mike feels the neighborhood customers still enjoy the lower-level bar because it reminds them of the old place. There's entertainment and dancing on Fridays and Saturdays, and the view of the river is still a selling point here.

The Captain's Menu, served in the upstairs dining room, includes popularly priced seafood and steak offerings. The specialty of the house is Mississippi River Catfish (two eight-ounce fish) - either fried or broiled. A special thick batter, made with a secret recipe, surrounds the filet of whitefish. The steak menu ranges from lady sirloin, filet mignon and prime rib. Other items include barbeque ribs, fried chicken, chopped sirloin and sur & surf. There are also sandwiches and burgers available. During the week, each meal includes an appetizer tray of cheese spread (their own recipe), liver pate, carrots, celery, peppers and cucumbers. On FRiday through Sunday there's a salad bar in place of the tray.

"We're not a gourmet house; we just buy quality food and serve it casually," smiled Mike. The house wines are burgundy, sauterne and rose; mixed drinks are available. A not-too-hungry customer can order from the child's menu.

Diners can watch barges glide along the Mississippi River as they enjoy their meal at Kernan's. A large cottonwood tree frames the view from every table.

The Kernan's estimate they use 600 and 700 pounds of catfish in the summer. "It comes from local fishermen and from a pond in Arkansas," said Mike.

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written by Shirley Davis

Princeton: Quiet Like The River

By Julie Jensen

Sketches by Sue Mangels

The first plat of Princeton was recorded in 1853 by Robert Bell, George H. Bell and John Culbertson, proprietors of the new town.

Princeton actually was created by the melding of two hamlets, Pinnacle Point on the spur of a bluff that jutted into the Mississippi, and Elizabeth City, a quarter of a mile up-river.

The first settlers in the area were Giles Pinneo and H.P. Haswell, who claimed their land in 1835 and moved there in the spring of 1836. Haswell lived on the village site in a cabin of neatly hewn logs.

In the next four years, nearly 30 settlers joined the original two. The first was Thomas Hubbard Sr., who lived across the Mississippi and moved to the west side in 1836.

At first, supplies came from Ft. Armstrong, then from Davenport, where a member of the Pinneo family took a load of beans to trade for supplies and clothing. Stricken with a fit of ague on the way, Pinneo was too ill to trade advantageously. He sold his beans for 35 cents a bushel and bought calico for an inflated price of 35 cents a yard.

The first frame house in Princeton was built in 1837 by Daniel Hire.

In 1838, Benjamin Pike came from Rockingham and set up a store. The next store was the establishment called Lawyer Hammond and Company, and in 1848, W.F. Breckenridge opened a store in the Pinnacle Point area.

During the early days of steamboating and rafting, two saloons on the corner of Front and Clay streets kept the atmosphere rowdy, and the ditch on the west side of Clay Street was called Whiskey Run. The area was not safe for women, and even the men who had business on Front Street armed themselves. Fights were not unusual, but no fatalities were reported.

Benjamin Doolittle established a ferry across the Wapsie in 1838, the same year Jacob Rose built his distillery.

The first settlers had no children, and there was little need for a school until 1846-47, when Hannah Peaslee taught in H.H. Pinneo's log house. Building a school was discussed, but an 1850 dispute about its location delayed the matter until 1852. The first teacher in the new school was Mathias Pinneo. In 1856 it was discovered that the title to the school land was no good, and an identical school was built elsewhere. This building was used until 1864, when classes were moved to the two floors of a hall on Front Street.

One of Princeton's oldest landmarks is the Riverview Hotel, now the Kane apartments. This stagecoach stop and haven for river travelers had an adjoining livery stable, and ferry service was available to Cordova across the river. Another early hotel was the Revere House located south of the present post office.

Robert Pope opened a store in 1853, and the shelves and interior carpenter work was done by Edward Russell, later Davenport postmaster and editor of the Davenport Gazette.

Princeton was incorporated in 1857 and was one of the last cities and towns in Iowa to be incorporated individually. Samuel Porter was the first mayor. When Porter resigned after a few months, William Shaw was elected to the office. At this time, the population was 250.

Businesses of 1857 included the Walter and Armstrong store, two public houses, one blacksmith shop, a sawmill, one church and 46 houses.

The Methodist Episcopalians built a brick church near Long Grove in 1856, selling it to the Lutherans in 1858, when they built a church in Princeton. The Princeton church was replaced in 1888.

The Presbyterians first attended services in LeClaire, organizing a Princeton congregation in 1854. A prominent Presbyterian minister was the Rev. James Bovard McBride, who took the charge in 1863. McBride was related to Edgar Allan Poe, one of his grandfathers was a Revolutionary War captain, and the other was a British Navy admiral. McBride's son, Thomas Huston McBride, became president of the Iowa State University.

August Richter, the German historian, writes, "In expectation of a lucrative practice in a growing town and a district of well-to-do farmers, many doctors put out their shingles in Princeton, but few remained longer than a year or two." Between 1853 and 1878, 15 physicians located in Princeton, "among them several good ones."

One of the earliest and best was Dr. Samuel Knox, who came to Princeton in 1856 and practiced there until his death in 1887. His son, Dr. John Knox, followed him in the practice. One, Dr. Gast, was considered to be a cancer specialist, and it was reported, "None have returned after his treatment. The doctor cures without the use of the knife."

Dr. Thomas Gault was mayor of Princeton in 1859. About this time, F.G. Welch built a three-story drygoods store "but did not live to enjoy it," and A. Kierney started a tin shop. Businesses of 1859 included seven stores, a druggist, four shoemakers, 15 carpenters, six blacksmiths, two tailors, a livery stable, two steam sawmills, two steam grist mills, one steam planing mill, two carriage shops, two hotels, and one lawyer. The town had two churches, two public schools and two private schools.

Princeton was at the height of its glory in 1860. The railroad was expected, water power was unlimited, and the town aspired to greatness.

The town had a number of fires, the first major one in February 1862, when the business houses of Pope & Chamberlainn, H. Blake and Christian Schmalz burned. In 1884, J.W. Walker's flouring mill burned, and when the store where the post office was kept caught fire, the mail was the first thing saved. A bucket brigade prevented the flames from spreading to adjoining buildings.

By 1867, the population was 1,000. The town had two hotels, the Leslie House kept by James Leslie, and F.G. Eisleben's Davenport House. Drygoods and grocery stores were operated by the Gordon brothers, Sam Scott, Asa Hooper, James W. Suiter, H.H. Hurlburt, C.C. Lorraine and David Miller.

Harness makers of 1867 were W.G. Martine and G.B. Moyer, and the shoemakers were B. Metzger and Hardt & Co. W.D. and J.W. Davis and Asa Hooper operated tin shops, and the blacksmiths were Hy Couser, John Reed, M. Moore and Sam Williams. H.G. King was the wagonmaker, Charles Rich made agricultural implements, J. Fanning ran the livery stable, B. Bigelow was a painter, and the tailors were Christ Schmalz and Jacob Eurich.

In 1867, Dr. Samuel Knox and a Dr. Blackburn wrote prescriptions to be filled at the drugstores of J.W. Parcell and W.F. Culbertson.

I.J. Pinneo ran the grist mill, Isaac Hess and L.S. Chamberlin were the steam saw mill operators, and J.W. Walker and A. Patterson owned the planing mill. Proprietors of the grain warehouses were Samuel Scott, Robert Pope and H.H. Hurlburt.

Princeton declined in the post-Civil War period because of civic indifference, according to Richter. In 1878, an election was held to decide whether the old charter and city organization should be abandoned. A municipal election had not been held for eight years, and the streets "had been left to take care of themselves." The people in Princeton voted for a change, temporarily electing W.H. Thompson mayor. In the next regular election, D.H. Culbertson was elected mayor.

In spite of this attempt at reform, the population had decreased by three-fourths in 1882. Even so, the town had spirit. On the 4th of July, 1888, a large procession started for Pinneo's Grove led by the LeClaire Silver Cornet Band. The steamer Brother Jonathan brought a large delegation from Camanche, and the Wes Rambo brought people from LeClaire.

A four-horse wagon carried 65 singing school children dressed in red, white and blue, and the Methodist ladies provided a dinner "at moderate cost." Then the rains came. The crowd of 1,500 stood patiently in the downpour for two hours before they gave up and tried to go home. High water stranded many of them in Princeton, where hospitable townspeople took them in.

Princeton has had several newspapers, but they did not last long. L.R. Walker founded the Princeton Reporter in 1900, and Frank Hamann started to publish the Princeton Herald in 1905.

The Princeton Savings Bank was organized in 1904 and closed in 1908, the year the Princeton Farmers' Savings Bank was established.

Paul B. Dennis, a Princeton native who has written a book of reminiscences about his hometown, "From Out of the Past," is the son of Job Dennis, an early merchant and man of influence in Princeton. Paul Dennis has an Indian mound in his yard, which was opened and studied by the Putnam Museum in 1940. The burial chamber of arched stone contained nine skeletons and many artifacts of the Hopewell culture. Ringed with perennial flowers, the mound must be one of the loveliest in the nation.

Another excavation at Fifth and Fillmore streets produced a skeletal fossil that Chicago and St. Louis experts believe to be the bones of a prehistoric zebra about 45,000 years old.

Dennis says the old stone house at Rock Cut just north of Princeton was the home of Aaron Lancaster, a skilled gunsmith who also invented an improved windmill and was robbed of the profits of his design.

Job Dennis' first store was in what is now the Allsbrow Marina shop. The building later became a restaurant, pool room and barber shop. Dennis also owned and operated Princeton's only steamboat, a small sidewheeler called the Outing used for freight hauling and clamming.

Benjamin Metzger, a German shoemaker, led the Princeton Cornet Band organized soon after the Civil War, according to Paul Dennis. Metzer also taught string and brass instruments.

Job Dennis and two friends, Mack Hire and Ed Martin, were lonely Democrats in a sea of Princeton Republicans, and they consoled each other at the M.L. Hire Clothing store, called Princeton's Tammany Hall. Not until the election of Woodrow Wilson in 1913 did the Tammany Trio take heart.

Walter Anderson is in his fifth year as mayor of Princeton, and Gloria Allen has held the position of city clerk for six years.

The population of Princeton is 630, and Mrs. Allen says, "We have grown since the 1970 census."

A squad car patrols Princeton evenings and weekends, and the police department consists of two part-time officers and a radio dispatcher.

A volunteer fire department of about 30 members is equipped with a large fire truck and pumper, a brush buggy and a rescue van.

Princeton's churches are Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Our Lady of the River Catholic Church, shared with LeClaire.

Active organizations include the Men's Civic Club, the Volunteer Firemen, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, and six baseball teams (three for girls and three for boys).

Princeton has no annual celebration, but the town did throw a birthday party for the nation this bicentennial July.

The town has three parks: a river front picnic and boat trailer area; the old school park with a ball diamond, playground equipment, tennis and basketball facilities; and Water Tower Park with playground equipment, a lighted ball field, a concession building, a shelter and picnic grills.

What is the pride of Princeton? Mrs. Allen says, "We really have good water here, and of course we have a beautiful view of the river."

Al Pries, a retired employe of Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company, drops in at City Hall and adds, "It's a good place to fish!"

Pries notes that in 1919, there were only 14 houses between Princeton and LeClaire. Now, the residences stretch in a continuous line, and he says, "People like to get away from the city."

Mrs. Allen says, "I have lived here since I was five, and it's a nice, quite little town. People are building, though. We have three or four sub-divisions under development."

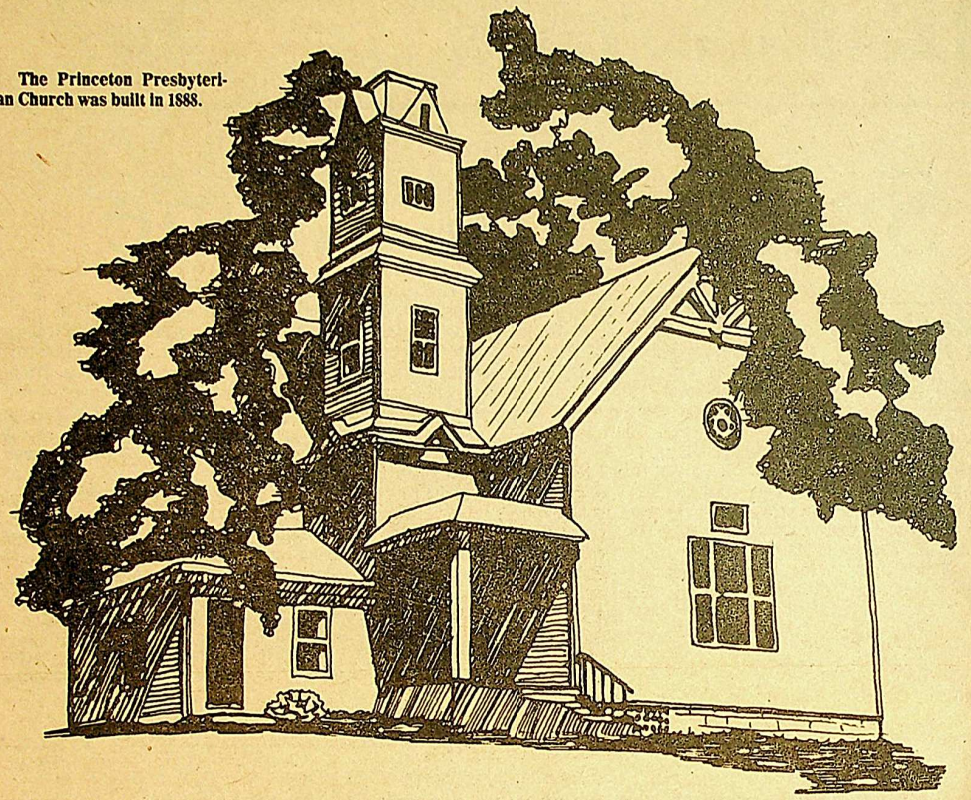
What are the problems? The most severe is the water run-off in a rainstorm. Mrs. Allen says, "The water starts at the top of the hill and gushes down to flood basements. The storm sewers won't handle it. We applied for a grant to solve this problem and didn't get it."

The town could use a new fire station because the present facility is crowded, and property has been bought for that purpose.

Princeton is a quiet, easy-going town that, like Old Man River, just keeps rolling along. Its setting delighted the human eye long before Giles Pinneo and H.P. Haswell first saw it and snatched it up. If they give the matter any thought, the people of Princeton probably are glad that the metropolitan hopes of 1860 were not realized, leaving

Princeton has faded from its bustling period of the 1860s, but the town keeps rolling along like the river it watches.

Pathways To The Present



The Princeton Presbyterian Church was built in 1888.

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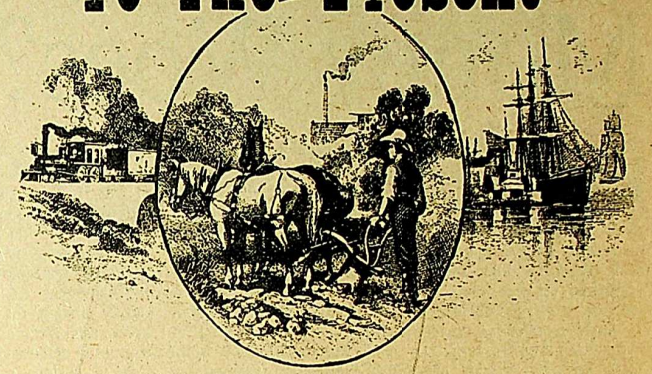

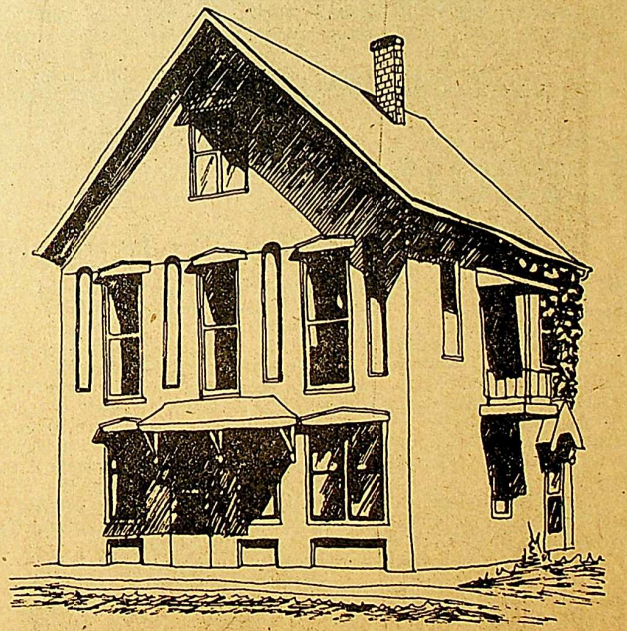

This was once the home of Job Dennis, before the turn of the century.

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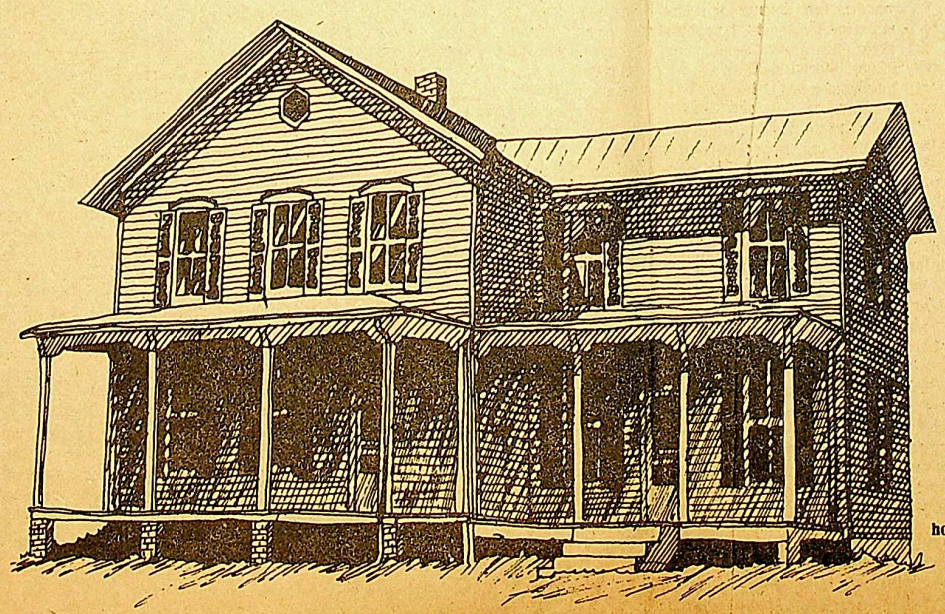
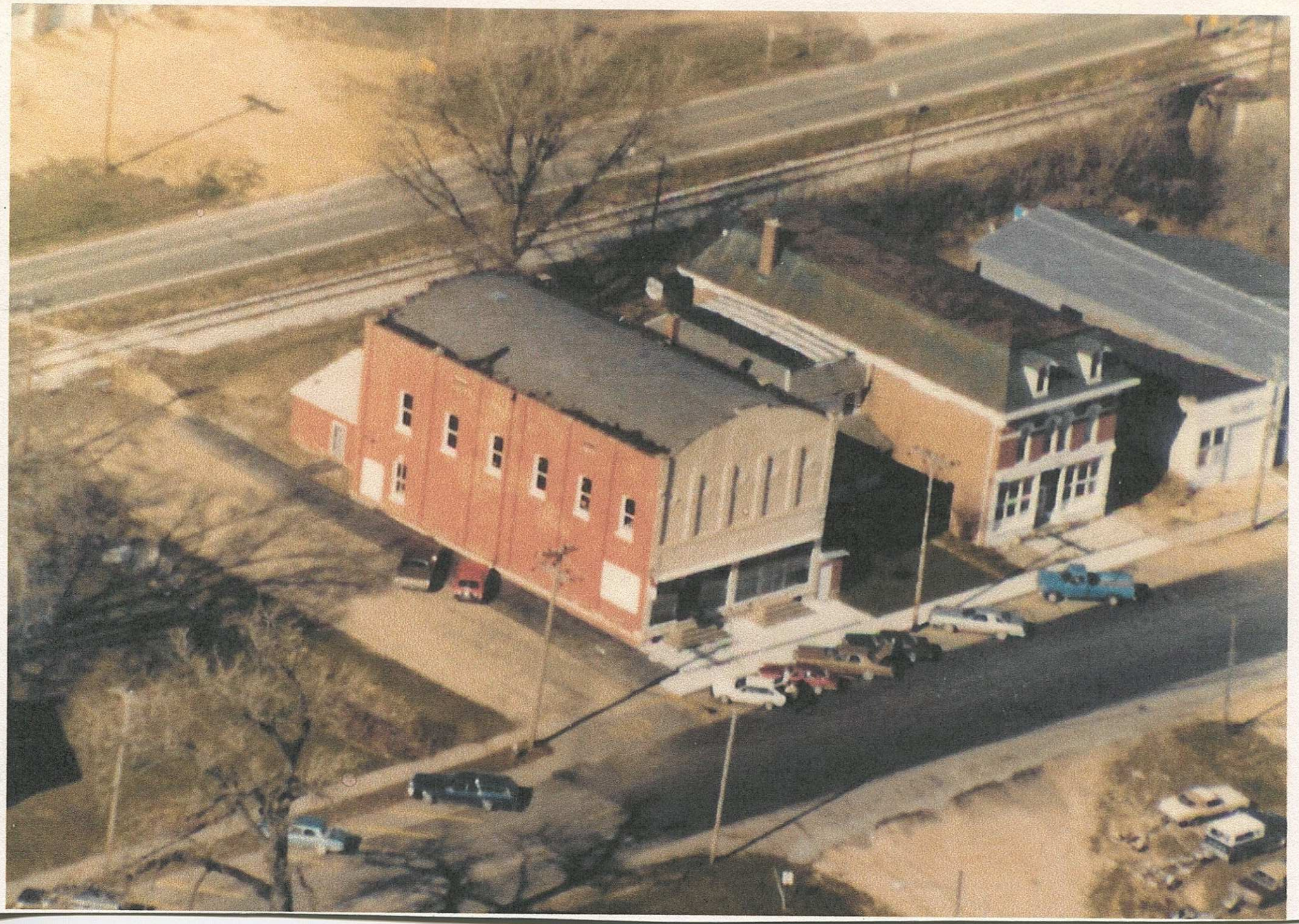


One of the lovely old homes along River Drive.



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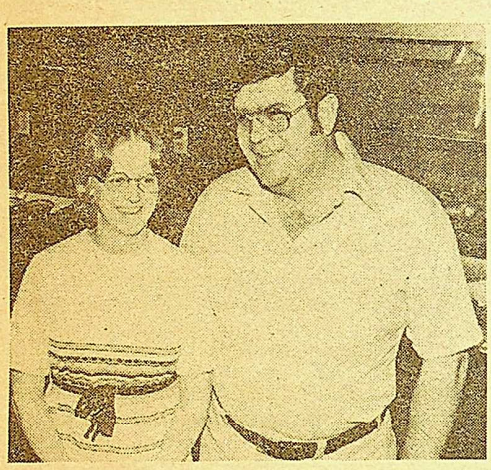


The newlyweds who own and operate General John's Smorgasbord in Princeton, Iowa, are Mr. and Mrs. John Bridges. Bridges, who has owned a neighborhood tavern in Princeton, built the dining addition himself.

There is a choice of 30 dishes on the salad table at General John's, and there are two or three main meat courses six nights a week. (Times photos)

By Shirley Davis
Woman's editor

PRINCETON, Iowa — The man who put the MORE in SMORgasbord in this friendly little river town is an amicable restaurateur who took hammer and nails and added a dining room to his neighborhood tavern several years ago.

The smorgasbord part of dining came into being only last June, and since then he's had folks from nearby towns literally beating a path to his door.

There may be restaurant owners in the Quad-City area who are sitting around wondering where their next customer is coming from, but not John Bridges. He has them lined up and waiting — particularly on Friday and Saturday nights — at what has come to be known as General John's Smorgasbord. The weekends are the big nights at this restaurant, but the smorgasbord is served six nights a week (closed on Monday).

All Bridges asks is that you "take all you want" and "eat all you take."

THE RESTAURANT and tavern are also known as Bridges' Trading Post. "We're kind of 'country' around here," smiled Bridges as he seated an anniversary group for dinner. "Nothing fancy at General John's." Frankly, if you came dressed up, you'd feel out of place.

There's a certain camaraderie at General John's and it generates from the bountiful table of 30 dishes on the salad bar and a choice of several meat courses.

The smorgasbord menu varies at General John's, and the Saturday night I was there it included chicken, barbecue ribs and ham (every customer I saw chose all three, of course).

I'll have to admit, until now I hadn't really been a smorbasbord fan, but General John changed my opinion. Fresh and original food, served piping hot, is what makes this smorgasbord different. There's no bland food here.

WHAT MAKES the ham different is that it's cooked in a sauce that includes brown sugar and creme de cocoa. The ribs are done in their own secret spicy sauce, and the chicken and potatoes are broasted.

The catfish is cut in one-inch strips, marinated and cooked in the broaster. The roast beef is sliced cold and then put in a prime rib broth.

Included in the more than 30 dishes in the salad bar are some very interesting salad combinations. Green beans and corn are mixed together for one; Jellos abound, there are interesting whipped cream dessert-like salads and then there are the peach halves (instead of sliced peaches "because we thought they tasted better") which are delicious with the cottage cheese.

Bridges says his crew begins making the weekend salads two days in advance to be ready for the crowds. The six broasters can turn out 200 pieces of chicken every 10 minutes.

On Fridays, the three main courses are catfish, chicken and ham. On Sundays it's white fish in beer batter, ribs and chicken; Tuesday's menu incudes swiss steak and chicken; Wednesday's choices include ribs and chicken, and Thursday's menu is roast beef and chicken.

Prices on Friday, Saturday and Sunday are $4.50, including a pot of coffee on each table, and $3.95 on week nights. The restaurant is open from 5 to 10 week nights, from 4:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturdays, from 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Sundays.

IT'S EXACTLY 20 miles from downtown Davenport, and the view along the river is pretty almost any time of the year. For Quad-Citians used to seeing the blocks of ice that still clog our Mississippi, there's a surprise in store; above the dam the river is open and was a pretty blue last Saturday night when I drove to Princeton just before sunset.

Bridges can seat 110 at a time in his little restaurant. "We have a fast turnover, so the wait is never very long," he says. "We sell lots of carry-outs, too."

The restaurant caters meals to the nearby Octagon barn which can be rented for a banquet of up to 200. And in boating season, things really get busy.

Bridges owns the ditch next to his restaurant. "I can built right over it if I want to expand," he says. "That area is called Whisky Run, getting its name during bootlegging days."

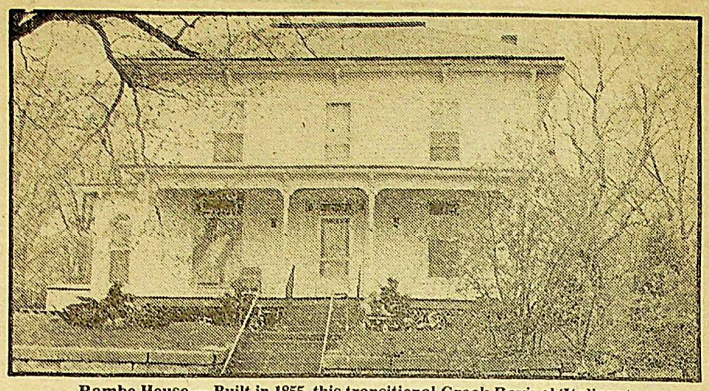
BRIDGES' SUCCESS story begins a quarter of a century ago when he got off a bus in DeWitt, Iowa, with only a dime in his pocket.

"My first job was washing cars in Clinton for 75 cents an hour," he says. He eventually owned a tavern — "Horner's Corner" — in McCausland, and 13 years ago bought the Princeton place.

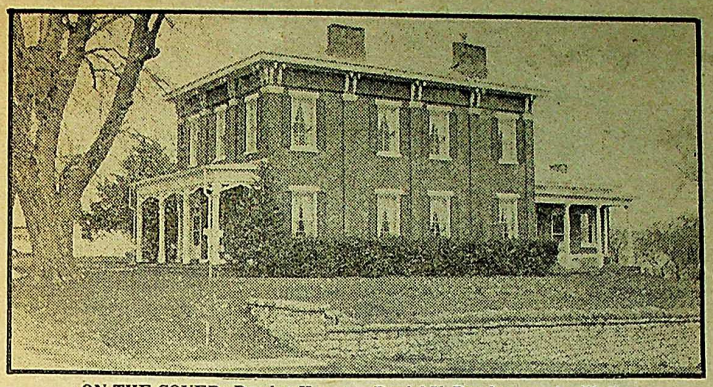
Mrs. Bridges began as an employee — cleaning floors, washing dishes, cooking and finally helping manage the restaurant. They were married only this month.

One of their newest inovations at the restaurant is the cheese cooler, and they sell cheese by the pound and cheese trays as take-out orders. Of course, there's also a cheese tray on the smorgasbord to tempt future customers.

A giant-size chicken atop General John's announces that the smorgasbord specialty is broasted chicken. It's served five of the six nights the restaurant is open.



Rambo House — Built in 1855, this transitional Greek Revival/Italianate frame dwelling at 430 N. Cody Road served as the home of William Rambo, who operated a saw mill in LeClaire and worked as an upper rapids pilot.



ON THE COVER: Dawley House — Daniel V. Dawley spent a lifetime working on river boats, either as clerk or captain. His home was this two-story Italianate at 127 S. 2nd St., one of the grandest homes in LeClaire. He worked extensively for the Minnesota Packet Co.

Rongewup in his house 1970s

Where the pilots lived

President Carter will get a glimpse of history when the Delta Queen passes through LeClaire

By Jim Arpy
of the Times

The channel is close to the shoreline at LeClaire, and President Carter — aboard the Delta Queen this week — will be able to almost reach out and touch the historic community.

It is a tradition for the pilot of the Delta Queen to pull the whistle cord long, and slowly, when he passes LeClaire. It is a salute of sorts to the community that once had more riverboat pilots per capita than any city on the Mississippi.

LeClaire's historic bond with the Mississippi River and the bold men who tamed or served her is still visible in the homes and buildings they left behind.

Their homes are now a part of the Cody Road Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Architectural styles may differ, but the common link is that they were the homes of men who made river history as they helped forge the Mississippi into a vital artery of transportation in the Midwest, with LeClaire one of the key ports.

FROM LeCLAIRE itself came much of the stone, brick and wood used in construction of the homes whose historic significance has now been officially recognized. The town had several limestone quarries. There were ample supplies of the clay from which soft yellow bricks were formed. The river trade was king, but after it milling was the area's next most important industry, providing inhabitants ready access to supplies of lumber for frame dwellings.

All of the homes and buildings included in the Historic District were constructed in the mid-19th century, mostly between 1850-1870, though style, form, size and materials of construction vary.

DOROTHY LAGE, former school teacher and longtime LeClaire resident, who was able to identify many of the community buildings associated with river history, notes that "the three decades after 1850 were the most significant" in the town's history.

"During this period, LeClaire was a 'river town' in every sense: not only was its physical layout typical of most river towns, but the lives and livelihoods of many, perhaps most, of its inhabitants were intimately tied to the river as a major artery of transportation and commerce.

"Men of LeClaire worked in the boatyards, or as ships' clerks, or ran hotels and mercantile establishments geared to the river trade. The most adventuresome and best-known were the steamboat captains and the pilots, specialists who guided steamboats and lumber rafts through the rocks and treacherous currents of the Upper Rapids between LeClaire and the head of Rock Island at Davenport."

LeClaire is located at a point where the Mississippi makes a sharp bend to the southwest. For 15 miles below the point was, in the days before it was dredged and locks and dams raised the water levels, a rock-strewn, treacherous stretch of water known as the Upper Rapids.

"THE PLAN OF THE town reflects the river orientation," Mrs. Lage notes. "The central business district extends along one street, that parallel to and nearest the river, with residential areas west and north of the commercial center. Due to the gradual rise of the land westward from the river, many houses sit on terraced lots with stone retaining walls; or they face west and have walk-in basements.

Most of the homes included in the historical landmark designation are located along Cody Road (originally Main Street and nearest the river), and Second Street, which parallels Cody Road on the west. A few

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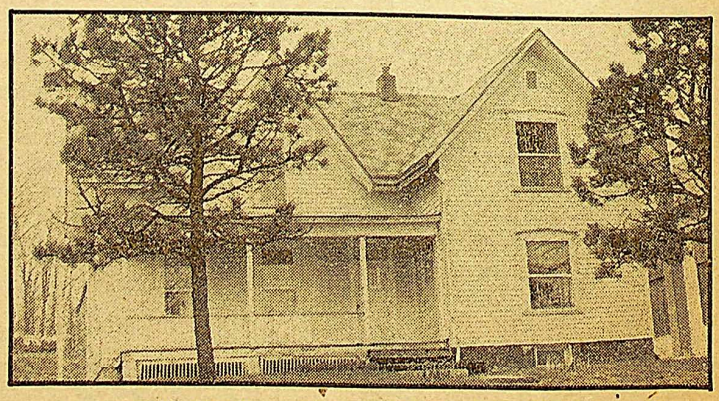
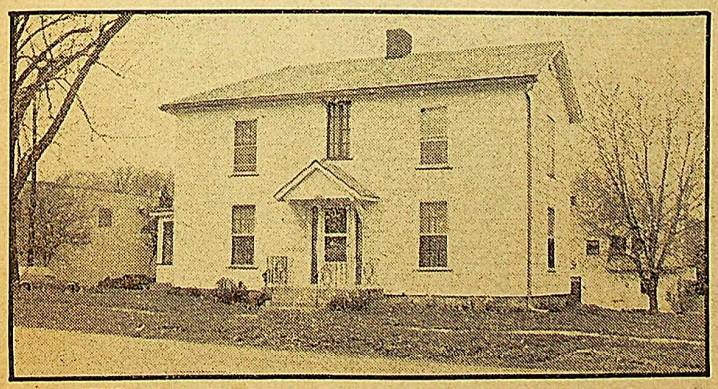
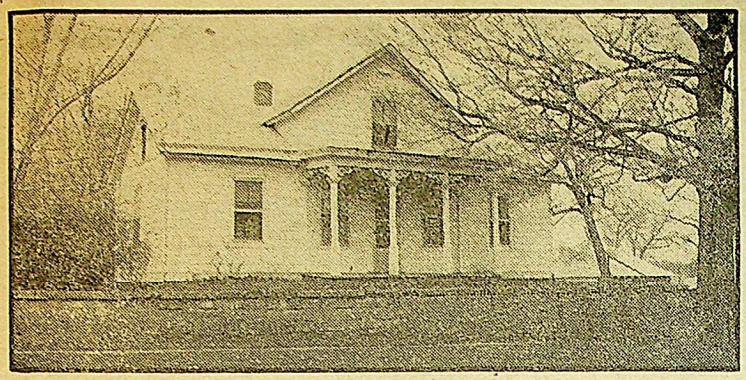


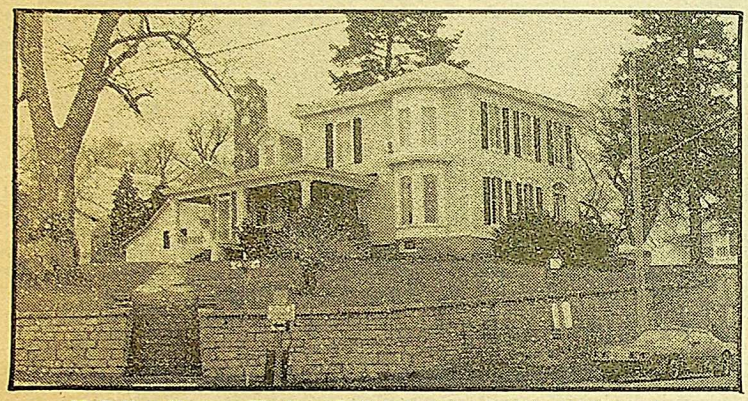
Samuel Van Sant House — Samuel Van Sant, who lived in this house at 322 N. Cody Road, gained fame as the designer and builder of a prototype for a raft boat that was to revolutionize the movement of logs and lumber down the Mississippi River. In the 1880s, he moved to Minnesota, and later became governor of that state. At one time, the Presbyterian church used it as a residence for pastors.



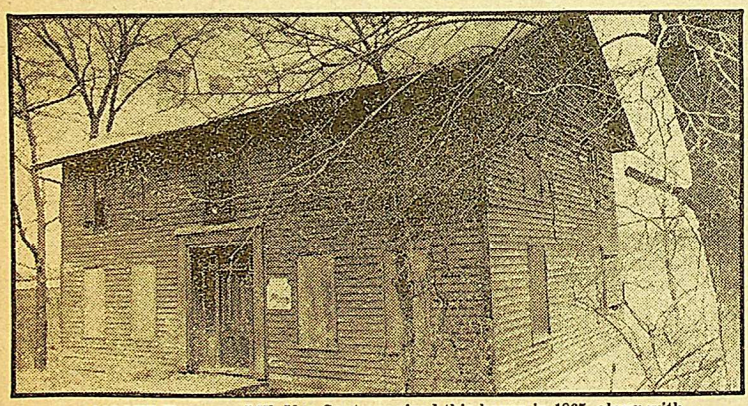
William Suiter House — It's estimated this home at 227 Wisconsin St. was built about 1855. It was built for William Suiter, who followed the piloting profession for nearly 40 years. The two-story home has a shallow gable roof.



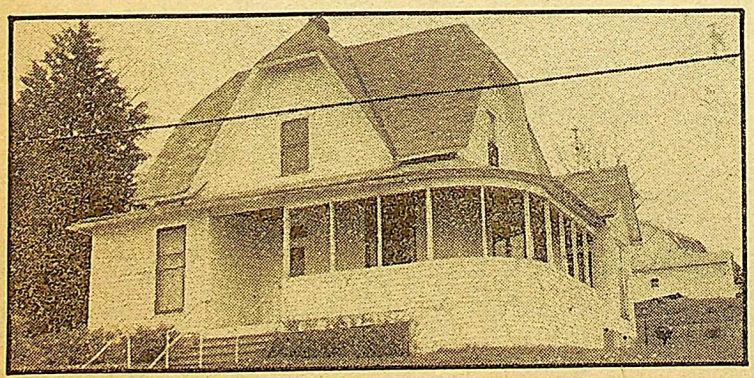
Horton-Suiter House — This house at 102 N. 2nd St., built about 1860, apparently was constructed for Henry Horton, an engineer on raft steamers. During the period 1878-1906, it was occupied by James Suiter, one of the last of the LeClaire rapids pilots. The house is five bays across the front, with a low-pitched gable roof. A one-story addition with a slanted roof was built later.



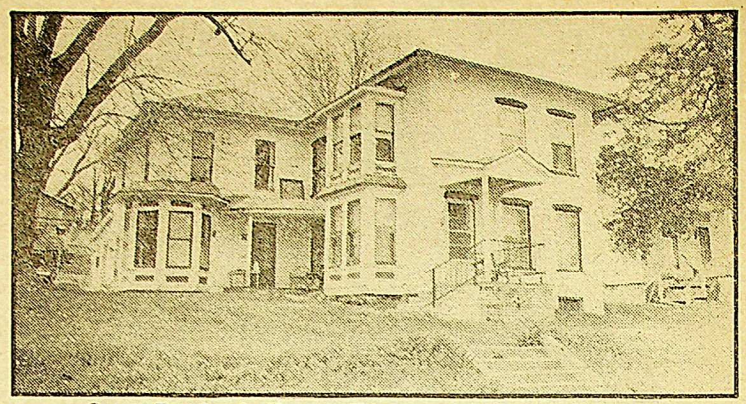
McCaffrey House — The home built in LeClaire for John McCaffrey is an imposing two-story frame Italianate at 208 N. Cody Road. McCaffrey had various careers, all associated with life on the river. By 1864, he was an upper rapids pilot.



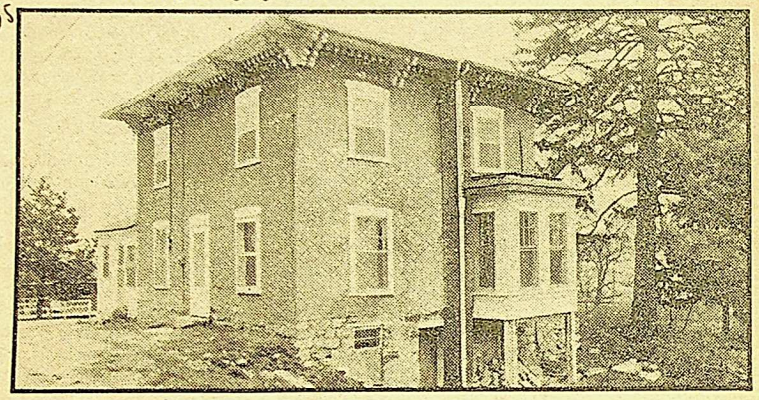
Old Mill House — J.W. Van Sant acquired this house in 1865, along with adjoining boatyards. It is located at 419 N. Cody Road. It is a two-story, five-bay clapboard dwelling. The famous yards built and repaired boats.



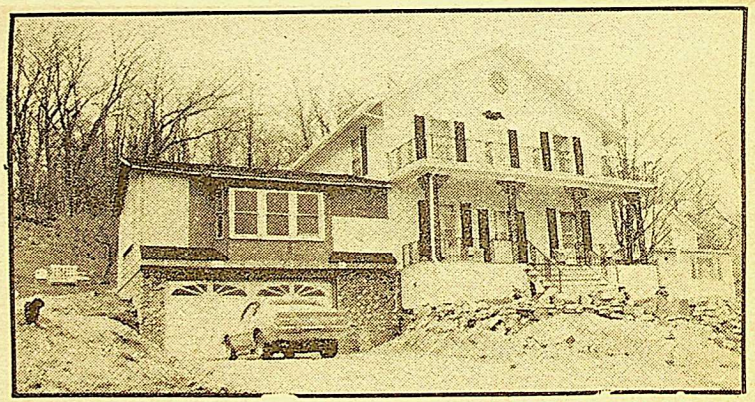
George Tromley Jr. House — This home was the residence of the second generation of Tromleys (see picture top right) to work as a pilot on the upper rapids, and thus was among the distinctive family groups which maintained their connection with the river trade over the years. This place, at 127 Jones St., was built about 115 years ago. The main roof is a jerkinhead, with a ridge parallel to the street. (Times photos)



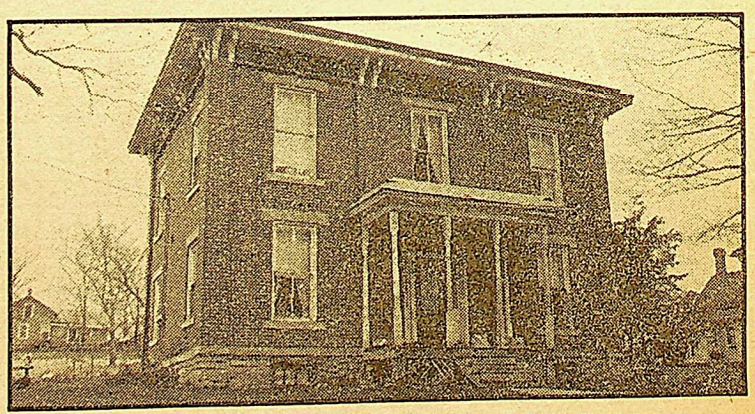
George Tromley, Sr. House — This home at 806 N. Cody Road apparently was built in two sections, the first about 1840. It is two-stories with a low-pitched hipped roof. Tromley was among the first to experiment with steamboats pushing log rafts.



Kattenbracher House — The Kattenbracher family who occupied this two-story rectangular house at 1125 N. 2nd St., were German immigrants who established a foundry along the river in Parkhurst, later incorporated into LeClaire. The house was built in 1860.



John H. Suiter House — A two-story home of frame construction on a stone foundation, this was the home of John H. Suiter, at 1220 N. 2nd St. Suiter was a rapids pilot and farmer.



Jacob Suiter House — Still solid today is the home built for Jacob Suiter at 214 S. 2nd St. It is two stories and sits on a limestone foundation. There are three bays across the front, with a low hipped roof.

BOLL'S STORE: A PRINCETON TRADITION

H.W.(Heinie) Boll and Princeton are synonymous! Yes, he has been here along time and groceries have been his "bag" for many years.

He was 14 when he started working in a Plain View grocery store. Long hours and hard work inspired him as a teenager to attend Brown's Business College in Davenport, taking a course in bookkeeping and shorthand. His training was well learned because efficiency in Boll's Store is second to none.

He worked at several jobs in various locations, but in 1922 a friend offered to let him rent and operate a store in Princeton. That store was next door to his present location. He at that time carried such items as harness, curry combs, poultry feed and many bulk groceries.

Today the store offers a variety of items in addition to groceries.

He married Selma Stradtmueller, a Princeton school teacher, in 1924. She assisted in the store a number of years. She passed away in 1974.

Heinie has a daughter, Leone Kosman of Ottumwa and two grandsons. Leone is also back of the counter when she visits here. His son, Merlin took over the operation of the store when he came home from the service and Heinie "retired" on Social Security. His smiling face is still seen daily in the store but he is working only for the enjoyment he gets from meeting people and reminiscing.

Also assisting in the store are Willie Buckley, Elaine Schulz and Dorothy Holdorf.

Heinie is an active member of Zion Lutheran Church and through the years his generosity to all churches and organizations in the area has been appreciated.

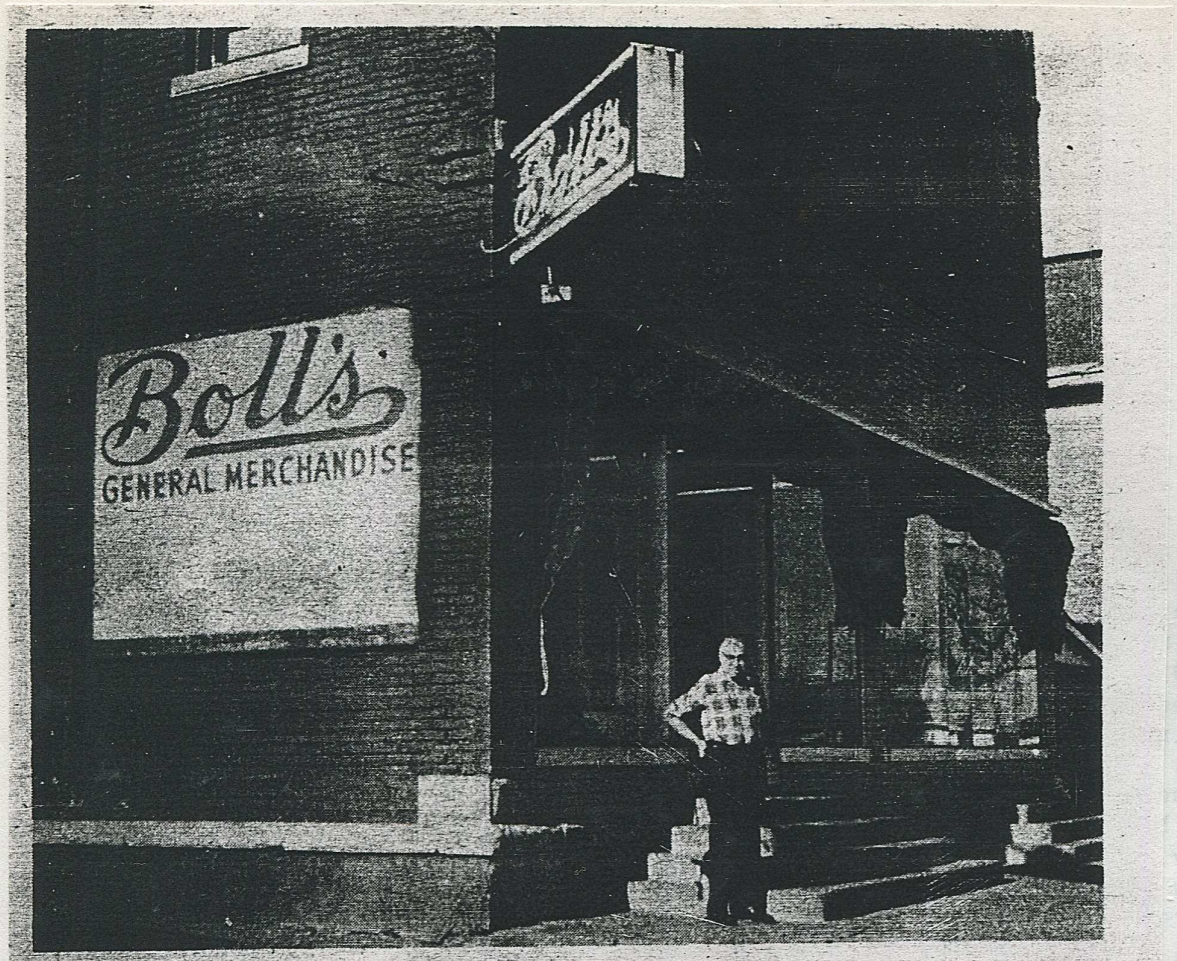
The building now occupied by Boll's Grocery Store and owned by Mr. Boll, was first opened in 1928 and for "oldsters" of the area the following account taken from an old newspaper story may be interesting. "Do You Remember?" November 20, 1928.

Thursday afternoon at 5 p.m. the new community club home at Princeton will be opened to the public, festivities begining with a chicken supper. Preparations are all complete. There's no doubt as to what is to be had for area people have donated 200 chickens, 10 bushels of potatoes, 150 pies and all the other accesories, and if anyone is a good figurer, he would know how many people will be served.

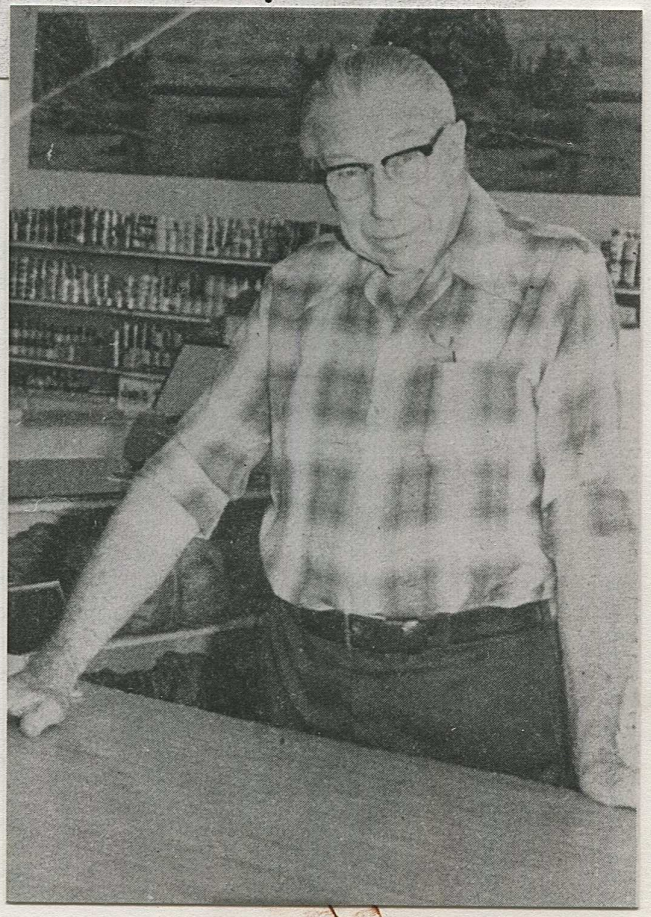
This will be followed by a program at which A.E. Carroll of Davenport will be the main speaker. There will be carnival features and a dance for which Tony's Iowans will play.

Now why is it that Princeton is doing this? It's because of the big development of a community spirit that just a few months ago organized the Community Building Company and purchased the three story building the erection of which was begun 25 years ago (1903) by Dr. John Knox. Because of five years of illness and other draw backs, the structure was never finished.

Consequently, 50 farmers and businessmen got together and organized a company and have put $10,000 into the project with splendid results. A contract was let to Dan Haring to complete a two story building and basement.



FAMILIAR LANDSCAPE -- The landscape of Princeton wouldn't be the same without the two-story brick building on River Drive which has served Bolls over the years.



A cement floored dining room with commodious kitchen occupied the basement. On the first floor are two fine store buildings, one which is already rented to H.W. Boll, who will move his grocery stock therein.

The second floor is an auditorium with finely equipped stage and elegant dance floor. The room is finished with hardwood floor, beamed ceiling, woodwork in dark oak, side pull stage curtains and overhang of Spanish velour. The interior is artistic and will meet the requirements of a large clientele. Since the entire building is 46 x 76 feet, an idea of its splendid service can be looked forward to.

Officers of the 1928 Community Building Company were: President-Kerman Kroeger; vice president-A.H. Schmalz; secretary-Z.G. Suiter; treasurer-William Mess. Directors were officers; J.C. Ducray,Henry Holst and Frank McKnight.

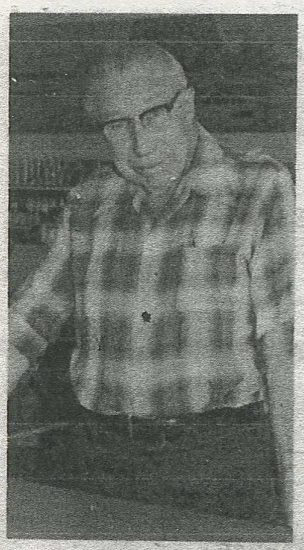
Now back to 1976--the Community Building Company did meet the requirements of a large clientele. Chicken suppers, plays, institutes, schoolroom and anniversary parties.

But times have changed! Since the building was purchased by Mr. Boll about 14 years ago, extensive remodeling was done on the first floor and an additional supply room built on the back.

The 1928 officers have all passed on, dances and chicken suppers are no more, but Heinie Boll and Princeton are still synonymous!

(North Scott Press Dec.2, 1976)
by - Bessie Sierk

Heinie Boll passed away in 1977,Merlin Boll has continued the "Princeton Tradition", Boll's Grocery Store. It's still the social hub of the town! (P.Miller 1996)



Henry Boll

Henry W. "Heinie" Boll, 78, owner and operator of Boll's Grocery Store in Princeton since 1922 , died Sunday, May 22 at his home of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the McGinnis Chapel, Bettendorf. The Rev. Larry Lindmark, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton, officiated.

Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Davenport. Pallbearers were Homer Johnson, Waldo Jones, Emil Drechsler, Harold Woomert, Joe Wilkinson and Myron Suiter.

Henry Boll was born in Dixon on Feb. 23, 1899 to Johannes and Bertha Wulf Boll. He married Selma Stadtmuller in Monticello on Jan. 15, 1925. She preceded him in death on Aug. 7, 1974.

He started working in a Plain View grocery store at the age of 14. He later attended Brown's Business College, Davenport, taking courses in bookkeeping and shorthand.

Heinie worked at several jobs in various locations prior to opening Boll's Grocery in 1922. In addition to groceries his store stocked such items as harness and poultry feed. Some of his original customers still traded with him as did their children and grandchildren.

He turned the management of the store over to his son, Merlin , in 1964 but continued to help part time with the business.

He was a 50-year member of Snow Lodge AF & AM, LeClaire.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Donald(Leone) Kosman, Ottumwa; a son, Merlin, Princeton, and two grandchildren.

Princeton

Mrs. Henry W. Boll

Services for Mrs. Henry W. Boll, 73, of Princeton, who died in her home Tuesday night, will be 3 p.m. Friday at McGinnis Chapel, Bettendorf.

Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park.

Selma Boll

Visitation is after 4 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Boll was associated with Boll Store in Princeton for many years.

Selma L. Stadtmueller was born in Monticello, Iowa. She married Henry W. Boll there in 1925.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Leone) Kosman, Ottumwa; a son, Merlin, Princeton; two grandchildren, and sisters, Mrs. Ada Mann, Miss Emma Stadtmueller and Miss Mary Stadtmueller, all of Washington, D.C.

The Indians called the place Pau-pesha-luk after the turbulent rapids that began at the edge of the area

One of LeClaire's great landmarks was the green tree, a beautiful elm on the riverfront. It gained the nickname, "The Green Tree Hotel," because itinerant rivermen camped so often overnight under its protective limbs. The tree fell victim to Dutch Elm disease and was cut down a decade ago.

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Memories Are Made Of This

By Jim Arpy
of the Times

The wilderness times of Indians and pioneers, the rough, rowdy days of riverboating on the Mississippi, the heartbreak of war and the colorful characters who left their imprint in history live vividly in Mrs. Dorothy Lage's new book, "LeClaire, Iowa, A Mississippi River Town."

Mrs. Lage, Davenport, a former teacher and farm wife, devoted more than two years to research before she began to write the 144-page, 8½-by-11-inch paperbound book that includes reminiscences of old timers, little known facts, and an excellent section of old photographs.

Dorothy Lage with her LeClaire book. It can be purchased at the Putnam Museum, Davenport, Bettendorf Public Library, LeClaire Bank and the Buffalo Bill Museum (open on weekends) at LeClaire. The price is $3. (Times photo)

SHE HAS DONE an exceptional job of catching the flavor of a rivertown and the doughty people who founded it and lived in it. Throughout, one can almost hear the roar of "Pau-pesha-tuk," as the Indians called the treacherous rapids upon whose upper point LeClaire was located.

"The farm upon which I was born and raised was next to the one upon which Buffalo Bill Cody was born. Early in my life that kindled an interest in me since he was then everybody's here," Mrs. Lage says.

"Then, I had to walk two miles to high school and I was staying at the Oren Smith home. He was one of the last of the river pilots and that helped fire my desire to one day write the history of LeClaire."

SHE WAS A farm wife for 38 years and also taught English and social studies and didn't find time until a couple of years ago to get into the project.

"But I worked at it steadily once I got started and it was fascinating. There is so much of interest in the town's history. I wanted to get it all down because there aren't many left who recall steamboats and rafting on the river. I remember seeing some steamboats and also attending shows on the showboats and they were wonderful."

Her determination to compile the history was given further impetus after she took an Iowa history course conducted by William (Steamboat Bill) Petersen, former director of the Iowa Historical Society.

"I had to do a lot of research for the class and it helped immeasurably in collecting LeClaire history," she says. "As a high school teacher, I had learned that I could inspire interest in history if I could tie events into the students' home town."

PREVIOUSLY, Mrs. Lage had compiled a history of Pleasant Valley, though she says she was unable to devote as much time and research to that project as she would have liked. Her late husband, Herbert, helped her with much of the photography in the LeClaire book.

The book, which sells for $3, is available at the Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum and the LeClaire Bank, LeClaire, the Putnam Museum, Davenport, and the Bettendorf Public Library.

In the book, Mrs. Lage reveals that a portion of what is now LeClaire was once known as "Parkhurst," and later, "Berlin."

Martin Smith, first actual settler in the Wisconsin Territory of which LeClaire was then a part, had been bound out as a youth to a cruel master, but had run away and lived with Indians, adopting their ways and being accepted almost as a tribal member. He settled in 1823 on Smith's Island, below LeClaire.

SHE RECOUNTS how claim jumpers who had occupied a LeClaire Township cabin and refused to leave when the actual owners returned were frightened off when townspeople hitched teams of oxen to the habitation and threatened to pull it down around the trespassers.

The river runs as a continuous thread through the narrative since it played such a key role in LeClaire's location and growth. Three of the earliest rapids pilots, she discloses, learned their craft from two halfbreed Indian friends.

Turning to almost forgotten facts, Mrs. Lage notes that the old log Stone school was once taught by a man called "Daddy" Lincoln, a cousin of Abraham Lincoln.

She also recalls how many little crossroad centers, with names like "LeClaire Center," flourished for a time and then disappeared forever.

MRS. LAGE turns time back to closely examine the town's businesses and industries — mills and quarries, sawmills and boatyards, and the arrival and departure of flatboats, keelboats and finally, steamboats. She relates that the LeClaire Marine Railway yards once covered nearly two blocks. Boat-building was a major industry there for years.

There were four successive newspapers in the town, the first founded by two visiting Davenport men who took the fact

tion still stand, and Mrs. Lage discusses several of them in detail.

She also devotes considerable space to famous sons like James Eads, who invented the diving bell, the ironclad gunboats for the Union during the Civil War, and the famed steel-arched bridge still standing over the Mississippi at St. Louis.

AND, OF course, she touches on the early childhood of William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody and his days in LeClaire, noting that there is still controversy over his actual birthplace.

She discusses stagecoach routes and early steamboats, like the "America," the first boat on the river to have a whistle, incidentally a device that, at first, frightened all who heard it.

Mrs. Lage relates LeClaire's involvement in the Civil War and her book includes recollections of citizens who watched the steamer "Phil Sheridan" as it towed two barges loaded with Union soldiers, bound for battle, downstream.

SHE TOUCHES, too, on the lives of other famous sons, Thomas Doughty, the LeClaire engineer credited with inventing the periscope, and Sam Van Sant, the boat builder, who perfected the first sternwheeler rafting boat, a craft much copied by other river interests.

Noting that as many as 350 rivermen would winter at LeClaire during the winter when the river was frozen over, Mrs. Lage relates how many of them, lacking funds for proper housing, would camp under the "Green Tree Hotel," a huge spreading elm whose branches were so thick few raindrops got

Princeton: Quiet Like The River

By Julie Jensen

Sketches by Sue Mangels

The first plat of Princeton was recorded in 1853 by Robert Bell, George H. Bell and John Culbertson, proprietors of the new town.

Princeton actually was created by the melding of two hamlets, Pinnacle Point on the spur of a bluff that jutted into the Mississippi, and Elizabeth City, a quarter of a mile up-river.

The first settlers in the area were Giles Pinneo and H.P. Haswell, who claimed their land in 1835 and moved there in the spring of 1836. Haswell lived on the village site in a cabin of neatly hewn logs.

In the next four years, nearly 30 settlers joined the original two. The first was Thomas Hubbard Sr., who lived across the Mississippi and moved to the west side in 1836.

At first, supplies came from Ft. Armstrong, then from Davenport, where a member of the Pinneo family took a load of beans to trade for supplies and clothing. Stricken with a fit of ague on the way, Pinneo was too ill to trade advantageously. He sold his beans for 35 cents a bushel and bought calico for an inflated price of 35 cents a yard.

The first frame house in Princeton was built in 1837 by Daniel Hire.

In 1838, Benjamin Pike came from Rockingham and set up a store. The next store was the establishment called Lawyer Hammond and Company, and in 1848, W.F. Breckenridge opened a store in the Pinnacle Point area.

During the early days of steamboating and rafting, two saloons on the corner of Front and Clay streets kept the atmosphere rowdy, and the ditch on the west side of Clay Street was called Whiskey Run. The area was not safe for women, and even the men who had business on Front Street armed themselves. Fights were not unusual, but no fatalities were reported.

Benjamin Doolittle established a ferry across the Wapsie in 1838, the same year Jacob Rose built his distillery.

The first settlers had no children, and there was little need for a school until 1846-47, when Hannah Peaslee taught in H.H. Pinneo's log house. Building a school was discussed, but an 1850 dispute about its location delayed the matter until 1852. The first teacher in the new school was Mathias Pinneo. In 1856 it was discovered that the title to the school land was no good, and an identical school was built elsewhere. This building was used until 1864, when classes were moved to the two floors of a hall on Front Street.

One of Princeton's oldest landmarks is the Riverview Hotel, now the Kane apartments. This stagecoach stop and haven for river travelers had an adjoining livery stable, and ferry service was available to Cordova across the river. Another early hotel was the Revere House located south of the present post office.

Robert Pope opened a store in 1853, and the shelves and interior carpenter work was done by Edward Russell, later Davenport postmaster and editor of the Davenport Gazette.

Princeton was incorporated in 1857 and was one of the last cities and towns in Iowa to be incorporated individually. Samuel Porter was the first mayor. When Porter resigned after a few months, William Shaw was elected to the office. At this time, the population was 250.

Businesses of 1857 included the Walter and Armstrong store, two public houses, one blacksmith shop, a sawmill, one church and 46 houses.

The Methodist Episcopalians built a brick church near Long Grove in 1856, selling it to the Lutherans in 1858, when they built a church in Princeton. The Princeton church was replaced in 1888.

The Presbyterians first attended services in LeClaire, organizing a Princeton congregation in 1854. A prominent Presbyterian minister was the Rev. James Bovard McBride, who took the charge in 1863. McBride was related to Edgar Allan Poe, one of his grandfathers was a Revolutionary War captain, and the other was a British Navy admiral. McBride's son, Thomas Huston McBride, became president of the Iowa State University.

August Richter, the German historian, writes, "In expectation of a lucrative practice in a growing town and a district of well-to-do farmers, many doctors put out their shingles in Princeton, but few remained longer than a year or two." Between 1853 and 1878, 15 physicians located in Princeton, "among them several good ones."

One of the earliest and best was Dr. Samuel Knox, who came to Princeton in 1856 and practiced there until his death in 1887. His son, Dr. John Knox, followed him in the practice. One, Dr. Gast, was considered to be a cancer specialist, and it was reported, "None have returned after his treatment. The doctor cures without the use of the knife."

Dr. Thomas Gault was mayor of Princeton in 1859. About this time, F.G. Welch built a three-story drygoods store "but did not live to enjoy it," and A. Kierney started a tin shop. Businesses of 1859 included seven stores, a druggist, four shoemakers, 15 carpenters, six blacksmiths, two tailors, a livery stable, two steam sawmills, two steam grist mills, one steam planing mill, two carriage shops, two hotels, and one lawyer. The town had two churches, two public schools and two private schools.

Princeton was at the height of its glory in 1860. The railroad was expected, water power was unlimited, and the town aspired to greatness.

The town had a number of fires, the first major one in February 1862, when the business houses of Pope & Chamberlainn, H. Blake and Christian Schmalz burned. In 1884, J.W. Walker's flouring mill burned, and when the store where the post office was kept caught fire, the mail was the first thing saved. A bucket brigade prevented the flames from spreading to adjoining buildings.

By 1867, the population was 1,000. The town had two hotels, the Leslie House kept by James Leslie, and F.G. Eisleben's Davenport House. Drygoods and grocery stores were operated by the Gordon brothers, Sam Scott, Asa Hooper, James W. Suiter, H.H. Hurlburt, C.C. Lorraine and David Miller.

Harness makers of 1867 were W.G. Martine and G.B. Moyer, and the shoemakers were B. Metzger and Hardt & Co. W.D. and J.W. Davis and Asa Hooper operated tin shops, and the blacksmiths were Hy Couser, John Reed, M. Moore and Sam Williams. H.G. King was the wagonmaker, Charles Rich made agricultural implements, J. Fanning ran the livery stable, B. Bigelow was a painter, and the tailors were Christ Schmalz and Jacob Eurich.

In 1867, Dr. Samuel Knox and a Dr. Blackburn wrote prescriptions to be filled at the drugstores of J.W. Parcell and W.F. Culbertson.

I.J. Pinneo ran the grist mill, Isaac Hess and L.S. Chamberlin were the steam saw mill operators, and J.W. Walker and A. Patterson owned the planing mill. Proprietors of the grain warehouses were Samuel Scott, Robert Pope and H.H. Hurlburt.

Princeton declined in the post-Civil War period because of civic indifference, according to Richter. In 1878, an election was held to decide whether the old charter and city organization should be abandoned. A municipal election had not been held for eight years, and the streets "had been left to take care of themselves." The people in Princeton voted for a change, temporarily electing W.H. Thompson mayor. In the next regular election, D.H. Culbertson was elected mayor.

In spite of this attempt at reform, the population had decreased by three-fourths in 1882. Even so, the town had spirit. On the 4th of July, 1888, a large procession started for Pinneo's Grove led by the LeClaire Silver Cornet Band. The steamer Brother Jonathan brought a large delegation from Camanche, and the Wes Rambo brought people from LeClaire.

A four-horse wagon carried 65 singing school children dressed in red, white and blue, and the Methodist ladies provided a dinner "at moderate cost." Then the rains came. The crowd of 1,500 stood patiently in the downpour for two hours before they gave up and tried to go home. High water stranded many of them in Princeton, where hospitable townspeople took them in.

Princeton has had several newspapers, but they did not last long. L.R. Walker founded the Princeton Reporter in 1900, and Frank Hamann started to publish the Princeton Herald in 1905.

The Princeton Savings Bank was organized in 1904 and closed in 1908, the year the Princeton Farmers' Savings Bank was established.

Paul B. Dennis, a Princeton native who has written a book of reminiscences about his hometown, "From Out of the Past," is the son of Job Dennis, an early merchant and man of influence in Princeton. Paul Dennis has an Indian mound in his yard, which was opened and studied by the Putnam Museum in 1940. The burial chamber of arched stone contained nine skeletons and many artifacts of the Hopewell culture. Ringed with perennial flowers, the mound must be one of the loveliest in the nation.

Another excavation at Fifth and Fillmore streets produced a skeletal fossil that Chicago and St. Louis experts believe to be the bones of a prehistoric zebra about 45,000 years old.

Dennis says the old stone house at Rock Cut just north of Princeton was the home of Aaron Lancaster, a skilled gunsmith who also invented an improved windmill and was robbed of the profits of his design.

Job Dennis' first store was in what is now the Allsbrow Marina shop. The building later became a restaurant, pool room and barber shop. Dennis also owned and operated Princeton's only steamboat, a small sidewheeler called the Outing used for freight hauling and clamming.

Benjamin Metzger, a German shoemaker, led the Princeton Cornet Band organized soon after the Civil War, according to Paul Dennis. Metzer also taught string and brass instruments.

Job Dennis and two friends, Mack Hire and Ed Martin, were lonely Democrats in a sea of Princeton Republicans, and they consoled each other at the M.L. Hire Clothing store, called Princeton's Tammany Hall. Not until the election of Woodrow Wilson in 1913 did the Tammany Trio take heart.

Walter Anderson is in his fifth year as mayor of Princeton, and Gloria Allen has held the position of city clerk for six years.

The population of Princeton is 630, and Mrs. Allen says, "We have grown since the 1970 census."

A squad car patrols Princeton evenings and weekends, and the police department consists of two part-time officers and a radio dispatcher.

A volunteer fire department of about 30 members is equipped with a large fire truck and pumper, a brush buggy and a rescue van.

Princeton's churches are Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Our Lady of the River Catholic Church, shared with LeClaire.

Active organizations include the Men's Civic Club, the Volunteer Firemen, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, and six baseball teams (three for girls and three for boys).

Princeton has no annual celebration, but the town did throw a birthday party for the nation this bicentennial July.

The town has three parks: a river front picnic and boat trailer area; the old school park with a ball diamond, playground equipment, tennis and basketball facilities; and Water Tower Park with playground equipment, a lighted ball field, a concession building, a shelter and picnic grills.

What is the pride of Princeton? Mrs. Allen says, "We really have good water here, and of course we have a beautiful view of the river."

Al Pries, a retired employe of Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company, drops in at City Hall and adds, "It's a good place to fish!"

Pries notes that in 1919, there were only 14 houses between Princeton and LeClaire. Now, the residences stretch in a continuous line, and he says, "People like to get away from the city."

Mrs. Allen says, "I have lived here since I was five, and it's a nice, quite little town. People are building, though. We have three or four sub-divisions under development."

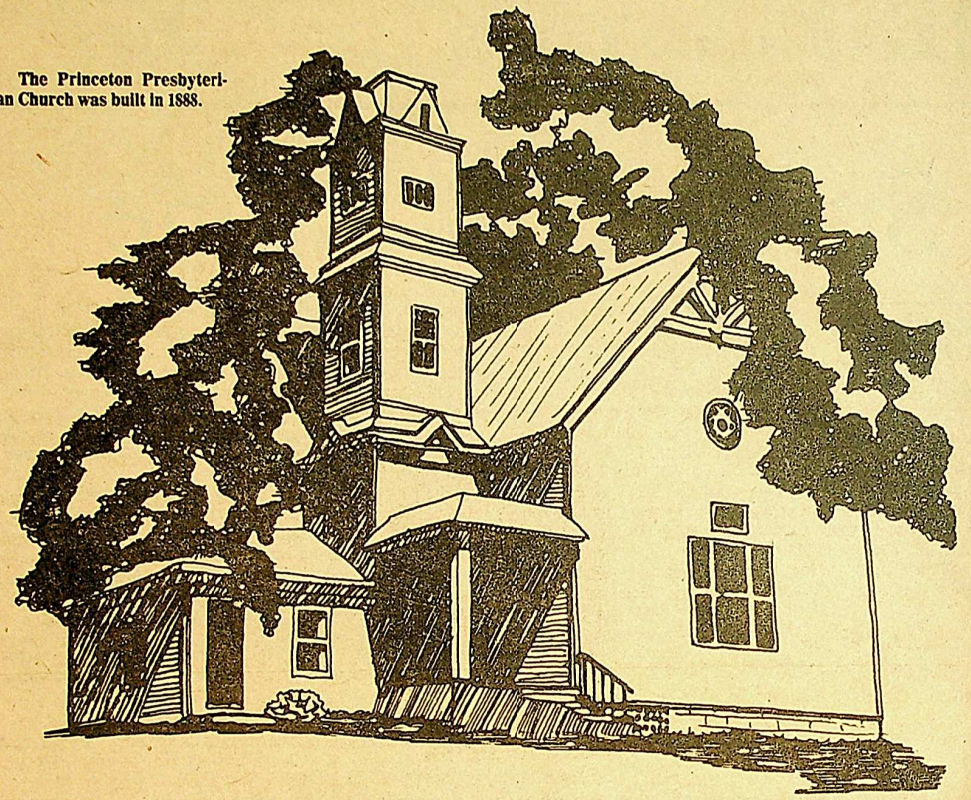
What are the problems? The most severe is the water run-off in a rainstorm. Mrs. Allen says, "The water starts at the top of the hill and gushes down to flood basements. The storm sewers won't handle it. We applied for a grant to solve this problem and didn't get it."

The town could use a new fire station because the present facility is crowded, and property has been bought for that purpose.

Princeton is a quiet, easy-going town that, like Old Man River, just keeps rolling along. Its setting delighted the human eye long before Giles Pinneo and H.P. Haswell first saw it and snatched it up. If they give the matter any thought, the people of Princeton probably are glad that the metropolitan hopes of 1860 were not realized, leaving

Princeton has faded from its bustling period of the 1860s, but the town keeps rolling along like the river it watches.

Pathways To The Present



The Princeton Presbyterian Church was built in 1888.

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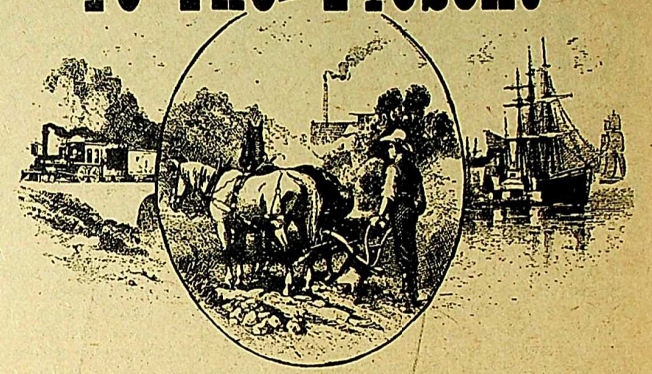

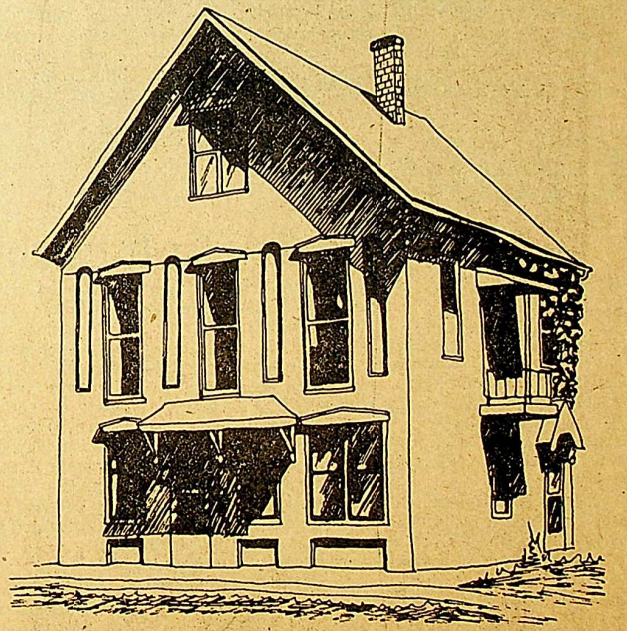

This was once the home of Job Dennis, before the turn of the century.

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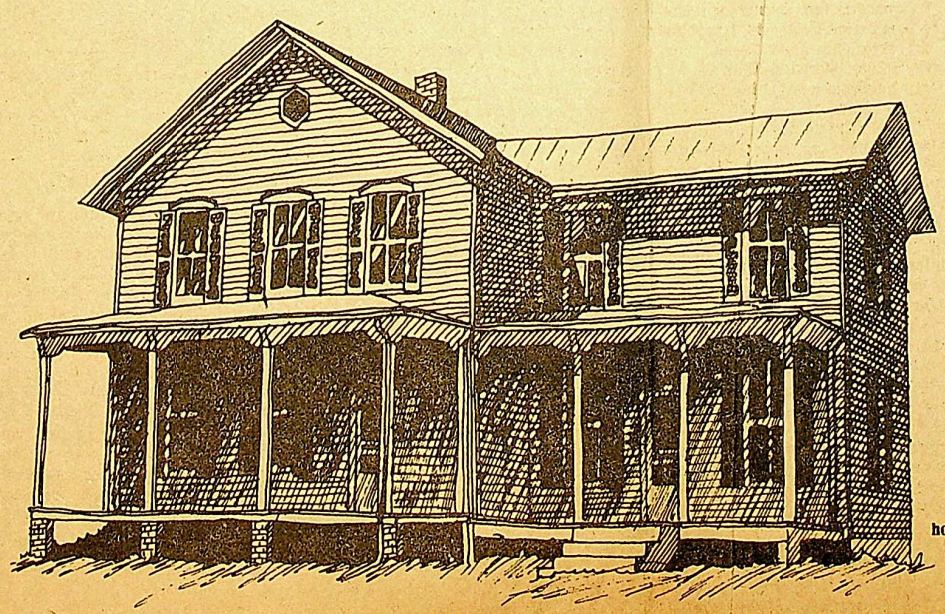

One of the lovely old homes along River Drive.